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NSW-NSL TIE-UP PLANNED

**UNDER 23
NSL CLUBS
CANVASSED**

BY KEITH GILMOUR

NATIONAL Soccer League clubs based in NSW have responded promptly to a NSW Federation request to examine the viability of a combined winter competition.

With the advent of summer football, there is a gap in NSL play from May 21 to mid-October — some five months, which should not be left for other codes to exploit.

NSW Federation president John Constantine put a proposal to the NSL clubs that

they run under 23 teams against the State League clubs over the period.

NSL vice-chairman Tony Labbozzetta said: "The idea was approved by our clubs in principle."

"However, a lot of teething problems have to be overcome before the scheme gets off the ground."

"We have to examine finance, playing staff, grounds, competition rules and so on."

Mr Constantine said: "Now that the NSL clubs have expressed their interest,

we are going to the NSW State League clubs to obtain their views."

"Use of under 23 teams can only add to Australia's future Olympic Games prospects."

If the new NSW State League comes to fruition, the possibility is that two 10-team divisions would be formed, each consisting of four State and six NSL clubs.

The State League clubs could play a separate one-round league, ending just before the NSL grand final.

ADELAIDE HELLAS FOR NSL



The very latest locker room shot of new NSL club Adelaide Hellas, who defeated Morwell Falcons 5-2 on aggregate last week — See Vlado Vlahovic story Page 16.

Tour decisions imminent

BY PHIL MARTIN

NATIONAL teams already qualified for the 1990 World Cup final series in Italy are amongst those seeking to tour Australia after the National Soccer League season ends in May, according to the Australian Soccer Federation.

The entire list will be placed before the ASF commissioners at their meeting in Sydney tomorrow (Thursday) and on Friday.

ASF chairman Ian Brusasco said: "The pilots' strike caused delays in holding our meeting, but we have

been advancing general matters as far as we can."

"There are 30 items on the agenda, an important one of which being that Senator Graham Richardson has made provision for the positions of national coach, assistant national coach and director of coaching in the Commonwealth Sports and Recreation budget."

The national director post was advertised Australia-wide in last week's Australian Soccer Weekly.

Applications do not close until October 7, but the commissioners will be well placed to form their preliminary

opinions on the applications received.

There will be at least one proposal for the Socceroos to compete in a prestigious Asian competition.

On the subject of ASF finances, Mr Brusasco said: "We are making steady progress."

"The Development Fund proposition is with the States, but no replies have been received as yet."

"My offer to visit any states that may want to discuss the scheme holds good."

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MARCONI TOUR IS CERTAIN

MARCONI'S Czechoslovakian tour will go on, even though the Bologna game is highly doubtful.

Club president Tony Labbozzetta said: "There was never any doubt over the Czech games."

"Arrangements made through former Italian international Francesco Graziani with Bologna fell through when the Italian FA would not sanction the game as the stadium is to be used for the Italy v Brazil friendly international on Saturday, October 14, 48 hours after Marconi was to play Bologna."

"We asked Graziani to see if our game could be switched to another ground."

Marconi will leave on approximately October 13, if the Bologna game is off, otherwise they go on October 6.

Their three confirmed matches are Thursday, October 19: v Zbrojovska Brno, Sunday, October 22: v Olomouc, Tuesday, October 24 v Vitkovice.

The latter two are amongst the strongest clubs in the Czechoslovak First Division.

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SBS gets World Cup show on the road

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

DOMINIC GALATI, SBS-TV's executive sports producer, left Sydney late last week to spend three weeks in Italy and London in preparation for the network's massive live telecasts of next year's World Cup finals.

Just prior to his departure, the young sports-producer told ASW: "It's a rushed trip to tie up every detail possible for our huge World Cup coverage next year."

"Don't forget, we will be covering, live, all 52 matches and knocking them back from Italy into Australia via satellite."

"It will be a spectacular coverage by SBS, surpassed only by the cover extended to the Olympic Games."

The energetic Dominic went on to say: "I also will be flying across to London to tie up our ace commentary team which will include some of the big-gestnames in the industry in Britain."

"John Motson, Martin Tyler and Barry Davies will all be used by our network."

"We will be setting up a studio-house, based in Rome from where all productions will be centrally controlled from all over Italy, stretching across 12 cities."

"Next May we will depart from Australia with a large airlift of SBS technicians and personnel three weeks before the World Cup kicks off to do all our

SBS TELEVISION

setting up work."

Whilst in Italy this week, Dominic linked up with Les Murray who is already there doing 'colour pieces' in readiness for the World Cup.

SBS will bring you live from Bologna the Italy v Brazil friendly international at 11.50 pm on Saturday, October 14.



Les Murray will do the commentary from Bologna's Stadio Renato Dall'Ara, with Andy Paschalidis conducting the in-studio panel discussions. Two days earlier, on October 12, SBS will televise, also live, from Copenhagen, the European qualifier between Denmark and Romania, starting at 3.45am.

Lake Macquarie to Liverpool

The Craig Johnston story

CRAIG Johnston is set to release a gripping story of his life in football.

Along with co-author Neil Jameson, the former Newcastle correspondent for Australian Soccer Weekly, Johnston deals with the days when he set out for Middlesbrough from Newcastle as a 15-year-old, through to his triumphs with mighty Liverpool.

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DATE OF BIRTH: 6.3.67
HOME SUBURB: Hornsby
OCCUPATION: Fulltime player
PREVIOUS CLUBS: A.I.S., Sydney City
NICKNAME: "Happy"
CAR: Camira SLX
FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak and Salad
FAVOURITE MUSIC: Top 40
FAVOURITE GROUND: Sydney Football Stadium
FAVOURITE LOCAL PLAYER: Paul Trimballi
SUPERSTITIONS: Wakes up very early on Match day
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: World Youth Championships in 1985 in Russia playing in the opening USSR v Australia game.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: losing to Marconi last year in the grand final
WORST INJURY: Torn ankle injury
HARDEST OPPONENT: Francis Awaritife
MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATE: Steve Georgakis
AMBITIONS: To play for Australia in the World Cup
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My Dad, Jimmy Shoulder and Eddie Thomson
FAVOURITE OVERSEAS PLAYER: Ian Rush

Compiled by John Economos

Our World Cup dilemma

BY KEITH GILMOUR

AUSTRALIA'S long standing case for a better World Cup deal will shortly be part of a re-organisation problem to come before the FIFA Executive for settlement.

The well known recent position is that Australia has had to qualify for the Cup through the weak Oceania Confederation, with play-offs against Europe (Scotland in 1985) and this time against a South American nation if it had overcome Israel.

Now FIFA has decided to downgrade Oceania to become merely a region, and so Australia's future route to the World Cup requires clarification.

Former Australian Soccer Federation president Sir Arthur George is the co-opted member of the FIFA Executive.

He says that many influential people in world football, including leading UEFA and West German figure Hermann Neuberger, are convinced that the world body must act to clear up an unsatisfactory position.

Sir Arthur said: "The formation of the Oceania Football Confederation has proved to be no solution to Australia's problems."

"Soon Israel will be accommodated in Europe, and new arrangements are expected to be made for Chinese Taipei, both of which were treated for some time as being part of Oceania."

"If logic prevailed then Asia would be divided into three areas."

"The western area would take mainly the Moslem countries of that area."

"There would be a central group, and another to embrace the western Pacific rim."

"This will be difficult to achieve in the short term, but given time there are means that can bring it to pass."

"Should FIFA increase Asia's World Cup representation from two to three nations, there would be room for Australia in Asia."

"The barrier to this approach is that, if Asia received the extra representative, then Africa would press for a similar increase."

"An impossible situation would be created, as no more than 24 nations can be accommodated in the finals."

"The other factor is that the Asians for many years have not been prepared to admit Australia and New Zealand to their ranks."



SIR ARTHUR GEORGE: World Cup reshuffle

"They feel that the size of the players would tend to make it difficult for their own players to go through to World Cup finals positions."

"But there is another approach to these seemingly insuperable problems, and that involves the status of the many small nations that have been allowed to join FIFA with full voting rights."

"Many of them fail to pay their dues, and as such must be ruled out of voting rights until they do so."

"When this happens there should be a role of associate member created, and they should rejoin on this basis."

"That would leave more power in the hands of the major and medium sized nations, who would then be able to secure more correct solutions to situations such as face Australia at present."

The next FIFA meeting is scheduled for Zurich on October 23/27.

If the FIFA Executive has the resolve to follow through on their initial investigation which will turn Oceania into a region, then Australia could perhaps, given time, secure a proper route through to the World Cup at last.

FIFA, its Confederations and mem-

ber nations are not without their political leanings of course, but it makes no sense for them to half clean up what they recognise as an undesirable position, and not go on to do the balance of their self-allotted task.

Meanwhile, Oceania Football Confederation president, New Zealander Charlie Dempsey, has continued to secure FIFA memberships for the small island nations of the Oceania region.

This is, of course, of value to football as a whole, especially if FIFA will as expected keep them under its wing with coaching

courses to help raise their standard of play.

They will be in a position to go ahead and enjoy their Pacific Championships and other tournaments, playing a better class of football as they go along.

But all this bears little relationship to the tortuous path that Australia must still travel to obtain an equitable route into World Cup finals.

At the same time there must be a resolution of the way forward with the Olympic Games (under 23) series, as well as for the World Youth and Under 16 World Cups.



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South Melbourne's future now in Ferenc Puskas' hands

BY GREG BLAKE

THE brash confidence which carried South Melbourne Hellas into the 1988 finals was always going to be hard to recapture in 1989.

The Hellas whiz-kids of '88, branded then as the best team to come from Melbourne in many long years, flew into the finals on a wave of hysterical emotion and that was never going to be enough for what was always expected to be an even tougher 1989 campaign.

It was as anticipated — and Hellas flunked the test.

But it was hardly the players' fault.

Healy, Tsolakis, Wright, Trimboli, Fernandes, Taliadoros, Mori, Foster and Micheil are all youngsters, and it was always apparent that their raw talent would take more than 12 months to mature.

That the Hellas boom team of '88 was to come under much tougher scrutiny in 1989 by opponents was always going to make life at the top that much more difficult.



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the finals.

That first real test of character will teach the younger players much.

They'll come out for the new season knowing exactly what is expected.

Brian Garvey, who is stiff to miss out on getting a fourth term in charge, knew long before the season that his 1988 youth brigade wouldn't be capable of sustaining another testing charge at the time.

He told the Hellas committee as much during the pre-season

players as Hellas did in 1989.

every time the team played at home and by season's end had managed only three wins at the famous stadium.

Admittedly one of them was a stirring 4-1 triumph over arch-rival Heidelberg in front of well over 12,000 fans, but generally Hellas looked out of depth in Melbourne.

Away from Middle Park they lost only three times and proved their worth as finals contenders by smashing home some 32 goals at opposition grounds compared to a measly 12 at Middle Park.

Scorer of 10 of those



STEVE TASIOS

The magnificent Hellas engine room of 1988 was decimated in the early part of the season with the losses of king-pin Paul Wade and speedster Steve Tasios.

Wade returned briefly before tragically breaking his leg and missing the remainder of the year, whilst Tasios only seemed to return to form late in the year after a bout of glandular fever.

There is no doubt the Hellas kids felt the pressure of having to perform in front of the adoring Middle Park masses.

The blue-and-white hordes fill Middle Park not hoping for a Hellas win but fully expecting one — every home game.

That enormous burden took its toll.

Hellas players looked unsure virtually

goals was the brilliant Paul Trimboli, who pressed his claims as one of best new talents this country has seen.

Other positive signs were improved efforts from some of the younger brigade, the return to form of former Heidelberg favourite Peter Tsolakis and the continued brilliance of Steve Blair.

Blair, a 200-game veteran, was again the cornerstone of the team's sometime's suspect defence.

Kimori Taliadoros got his chance as a regular and made the most of it and Damian Mori is a promising newcomer who looks set to make a mark.

The great Ferenc Puskas gets his chance to lead South Melbourne's bid for its first title since 1984 when the summer season kicks off on November 5.



BRANKO MILOSEVIC: like good wine, he gets better with age.

Melbourne Croatia awakens

BY GREG BLAKE



IF you didn't thrill to the exploits of Melbourne Croatia in 1989 there must be something other than blood in your veins.

In the end winning trophies is what the game is about and on the basis that the club didn't do just that, it has no tangible reward for a truly memorable 1989 season.

Yet Melbourne Croatia won the hearts and minds of so many fans this year with the style and flair that will always be admired even if it doesn't always fill trophy cabinets.

Only tear-away championship winner Marconi and runner-up Sydney Olympic were as compelling to watch over the 1989 season.

By rights Melbourne Croatia should have been up there with the two eventual grand finalists and if not for dramatic defeats against Marconi and Olympic on the eve of the finals the club would have snared the vital double-chance instead of plucky St George.

Missing the likes of George Hannah through injury at the wrong time cost the club dearly and it went into those two crucial games with key players carrying injuries after an arduous season.

The burden was just too much and Croatia didn't have the depth to compete.

Make no mistake, Melbourne Croatia was, at times, a simply brilliant side and a potential champion team.

If there are criticisms to be made it must be that perhaps, at least in the end, Croatia relied far too much on its on-field leaders Alan Davidson, Zeljko Adzic and Branko Milosevic.

When these guys fired the players around them lifted accordingly. Stop them and Croatia looked just a run-of-the-mill outfit.

And Croatia certainly goofed in releasing Soccerroo goalkeeper Jeff Olver.



JOSIP BISKIC

Youngsters Joe Rados and Mate Grgic did as well as anyone could expect of players thrown in at the deep end but neither was in the Olver class when it came to pressure situations.

But these were only minor hiccups in what was an historic season for a club seemingly just making up the numbers in the league.

The opening of its magnificent new ground was timed perfectly as on the field Melbourne Croatia started to blossom for the first time in its six NSL seasons.

The club matured and the team came of age.

It could be the turning point in Melbourne Croatia's stormy history.

Coach Ivan Raz-

jevic has got the nod for another term in charge, and deservedly so.

Raznjevic wasn't the sole reason for Croatia's revival but there is no doubt he played a major role in getting the club moving in the right direction.

Raznjevic not only bought the genius of Adzic to the club — that was the easy part.

Turning average players into good ones and good ones into potential match-winners was his trump card.

Milosevic had his best season since coming to Croatia, Davidson is getting better with age.

Big Francis Awaritefe started his first season at the club looking for all the world like just an average plodding striker.

He ended the year as one of the league's most feared front men.

Josip Biskic, even at 29, turned in another fine year and was the club's only ever-present.

Duzel and Kelic will improve with a year's NSL experience under their belts, Cannell found a new lease of life, Donnelly, Selemidis and Caleta all played vital roles and George Hannah had another grand season.

Raznjevic's only concern is whether he can get Croatia 'up' for another tilt at the title with a squad that appears to be almost at its peak.

The tip is that if Melbourne Croatia gets away to a good start on the firm pitches of the summer months there will be few sides capable of stopping them.

Raznjevic has awakened a sleeping giant.



Danny Wright

The exuberant kids of 12 months earlier weren't allowed to have their way this time out and they found it hard to cope under pressure.

The results didn't come, the pressure to perform increased and the confidence fell away.

The situation worsened to the stage where Hellas missed

and desperately wanted the chance to bring in two or three experienced heads to steady the younger charges.

The Hellas administration would have none of it and eventually the club paid the price.

Every club can claim injury problems, but there were few teams to suffer injuries to key

SOCCER POOLS

THE POOLS

THE POOLS RESULTS HISTORY AT 30/9/1989 — WEEK 218

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Results History is from Week 38, the start of Six from 38 Pools

THIS WEEKS MATCH LIST WEEK 219 SAT 7 OCTOBER 1989

ENGLISH DIVISION 2	BLACKBURN	MIDDLESBRO	1
	BRADFORD C.	BRIGHTON	2
	HULL	SWINDON	3
	IPSWICH	NEWCASTLE	4
	OLDHAM	BARNLEY	5
	OXFORD UTD.	PORTSMOUTH	6
	PLYMOUTH	STOKE	7
	PORT VALE	LEICESTER	8
	SUNDERLAND	BOURNEM'TH	9
	WATFORD	WEST BROM.	10
ENGLISH DIVISION 3	WEST HAM	LEEDS	11
	WOLVES	SHEFF. UTD.	12
	BOLTON	WIGAN A.	13
	BRENTFORD	BRISTOL C.	14
	BRISTOL R.	FULHAM	15
	CHESTER	BURY	16
	HUDD'FIELD	CARDIFF	17
	NORTH'PTON	PRESTON	18
	ROTHERHAM	BIRMINGHAM	19
	SHREWSBURY	MANSFIELD	20
ENGLISH DIVISION 4	SWANSEA	CREWE	21
	WALSALL	NOTTS C.	22
	ALDERSHOT	COLCHESTER	23
	CARLISLE	WREXHAM	24
	CHESTERFIELD	LINCOLN	25
	GRIMSBY	ROCHDALE	26
	HARTLEPOOL	SCUNTHORPE	27
	MAIDSTONE	BURNLEY	28
	PETERBORO	EXETER	29
	SOUTHEND	SCARBORO	30
G.M. VAUXHALL CONFERENCE	STOCKPORT	HEREFORD	31
	TORQUAY	DONCASTER	32
	YORK	CAMB'GE U.	33
	ALTRINCHAM	FARNBORO	34
	BARNET	TELFORD	35
	BARROW	SUTTON UTD.	36
	BOSTON U.	KID'MINSTER	37
	CHELTHAM	WELLING UTD.	38

RESERVE MATCHES

G.M. VAUXHALL CONFERENCE	ENFIELD	DARLINGTON	39
	FISHER ATH.	CHORLEY	40
	MACCLESF'LD	YEOVIL	41
	NORTHWICH	KETTERING	42
	STAFFORD	MERTHYR T.	43
	WYCOMBE	RUNCORN	44
	ALBION R.	FORFAR	45
	ALLOA	RAITH	46
	AYR	AIRDRIE	47
	CLYDEBANK	HAMILTON	48
SCOTTISH DIVISION 1	MEADOWB'K	CLYDE	49
	PARTICK	FALKIRK	50
	S. JOHNST'NE	MORTON	51
	ARBROATH	DUMBARTON	52
	COWDENB'TH	BRECHIN	53
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	E. STIRLING	BERWICK	55

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RESULTS HISTORY IS FROM WEEK 38, THE START OF SIX FROM 38 POOLS															
ENGLISH Div 1: Aston Villa 1, Derby County 0, Chelsea 0, Arsenal 0, Crystal Palace 2, Everton 1, Manchester City 3, Luton 1, Millwall 0, Norwich 1, Nottingham Forest 2, Charlton 0, Sheffield Wednesday 0, Coventry 0, Southampton 2, Wimbledon 2, Tottenham 3, Queens Park Rangers 2.															
DIVISION ONE															
Liverpool	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts								
Chelsea	7	4	3	0	19	3	15								
Arsenal	8	4	3	1	13	7	15								
Manchester City	7	4	2	1	11	5	14								
Norwich	8	3	5	0	12	7	14								
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Wimbledon	8	1	5	2	7	9	8								
Derby	8	2	2	4	5	8	8								
Tottenham	7	2	2	3	10	14	8								
Man Utd	7	2	1	4	13	15	7								
Charlton	8	1	3	4	6	8	6								
Sheff Wed	8	1	2	5	2	10	5								

DIVISION TWO															
Sheff Utd	9	5	4	0	18	10	19								
Blackburn	9	4	5	0	17	8	17								
Newcastle	9	5	2	2	17	11	17								
Sunderland	9	4	4	1	16	10	16								
Leeds	9	4	4	1	14	10	16								
Brighton	9	5	0	4	17	12	15								
West Ham	9	4	3	2	12	11	15								
Oldham	9	4	2	3	13	12	14								
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Watford	9	4	2	3	9	10	14								
Plymouth	9	4	1	4	13	12	13								
Wolves	9	3	3	3	17	15	12								
WBA	9	3	3	3	15	16	12								
Barnsley	9	3	3	3	11	15	12								
Middlesbro	9	3	2	4	14	15	11								
Ipswich	9	2	4	3	14	15	10								
Swindon	9	2	4	3	10	13	10								
Oxford	9	2	3	4	13	16	9								
Bradford	9	1	5	3	9	12	8								
Port Vale	9	1	5	3	6	9	8								
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"Fair go" for referees

BY MIKE JOHNSON



THE referee, certainly in NSW, has never before held such a high profile as during the year 1989.

Never has he had such publicity as during this wet and windy season.

Much of this new prominence has been self induced with referees writing in various publications, including 'Australian Soccer Weekly', and now the excellent new 'Soccer Coaching Overview' edited by Barry Davis and selling for the reasonable price of \$2.50 per issue.

In the latest issue of the magazine, Gary Power, now placed as a FIFA referee in the top echelon of Australian whistlers, asks for respect to referees from coaches.

Coaches do put down referees.

We often see them as the incompetents of Australian soccer, the least professional of all the professionals in the game.

This is incorrect. Our referees have always been on a par with the rest of our soccer and in recent times in NSW may have forged ahead of it.

It is ironic that we are able to accept our players not being top class, yet demand that our referees are infallible and mistake-proof, sufficient to put them into world class rating.

In a season spent in NSW State League division 3, where players in no way could be considered world class, I have seen referees

abused for their performance by players, spectators and coaches.

Yet in the 22 games of the competition season, my team had only one incompetent referee.

The rest, taking into consideration the level of competition, were excellent.

Whosoever is contributing to the improvement of refereeing in NSW should take a bow, they are doing an excellent job.

The presence of the fairly recently appointed general manager Ian Holmes at Federation headquarters is obviously a big motivating plus for the referees.

provement of refereeing in this country, to instill in their referees the need to protect players and at the same time keep the game flowing.

Soccer can build up enormous momentum and excitement if it is allowed to flow.

In a recent NSW semi-final the referee was excellent; always in charge, usually picking up fouls and technical offences — but he did not greatly help the game.

During this semi-final I tested myself for a short period to see if I could let the play run better than this referee.

During a three minute spell he pulled play up four times when I would have let

FIFA is worried about it.

Would that there were more organisations around the world with the crusading spirit of the NSW Soccer Federation.

However, one problem has sprung up in NSW refereeing ranks.

The refereeing bosses are so meticulous in their scrutiny of referees that each referee invariably each weekend has an inspector watching his performance.

It seems this causes our man to go out each Saturday or Sunday to prove to this watcher just how fit, knowledgeable, and in control he really is.

In NSW he is doing just that and it is quite impressive to behold, but it is causing stop-start games that are frustrating for spectators and players.

Our referee needs to give teams some advantage for having players fouled by allowing them to take free kicks quicker, and not from the exact blade of grass where the offence took place.

He needs to give more licence generally on set plays, especially throws.

But most of all he must protect players, whilst at the same time recognizing when he can allow the game to flow.

And he needs a strong organisation to back him up.

NOTE: This is my final article for the 1989 season. I look forward to the start of summer soccer and the opportunity to comment on National League games.

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it go.

The fouls were not such that gave any real advantage, nor were they likely to injure the opponent.

The stoppages did 'injure' the game.

Subsequently there were fouls that did injure players and these were not pulled up.

Referees must be able to recognize offences that do not produce an advantage and let these go.

They must also recognize the premeditated foul meant to intimidate and injure.

Some coaches do teach and encourage their players to foul. Some players do not need teaching.

Despite the great skills of South American players I get little pleasure from watching their Soccer.

They continually foul one another producing one stoppage after another.

The same can be said for much of Europe, especially Italy.

It is no wonder

whilst at the same time allow the game to flow

The NSW Federation has come out in complete support of FIFA's demand for fairer play and is keeping the pressure on the referees to bring this about.

Play in the various NSW State Leagues, in games I have watched this year, has been cleaned up considerably.

This is very evident in comparison to the National League where players I believe are still given some latitude to illegally foul and injure one another.

The referees need to be able to protect players, whilst at the same time allowing games to flow.

That indeed is the central core of all good refereeing — it allows players to produce games that are worth watching.

I appeal to Gary Power in his role of NSW Referees and Schools Development Officer, and all others charged with the im-

Demons just survived

BY KEITH GILMOUR

1,000-seater stand in February.

League Management Services will handle the club's public relations, and coach Les Scheinflug has been empowered to strengthen the squad. Secretary Peter

Thorne and the directors have burnt the midnight oil over ground improvements, which include a completely new floodlighting system.



Lee Sterrey close-marks Adelaide City's Sergio Melta. On July 16 Blacktown City won out 3-2 at Olympic Sports Field and so stayed in the 1989/90 NSL — Pic: JANUSZ KAMMA

Valeri prods Monaro as better policy needed

FROM GRAHAM COOKE

INTER Monaro coach Walter Valeri has indicated there will have to be a significant change of policy at the NSW State League club if it wants him to stay on in 1990.

"The committee is going to have to accept that if it wants a successful side it just cannot go on chopping and changing each year, selling key players and not replacing them," he said.

"They are just running contrary to any accepted pattern of team building.

"You don't see Liverpool or Arsenal having a clear-out every season — they build on what they have got.

"We have been punished for the sale of Marko Perinovic, Joe Galletti and Peter Gunning to Canberra Croatia last summer.

"With the players we have got left our league position (second from the bottom) is about right.

"With those three gone, Stan Dukic returning to Croatia after his loan was up and no replacements where we needed them, there was no way we could even hope for a mid-table spot.

"It's true we signed Peter Thompson and John Santolin, but that didn't help the two positions where we were left very thin — striker and goalkeeper.

"Who knows what would have happened

if we had kept the team together?

"We could have been staring National League in the face right now."

Valeri, the club's all-time leading scorer who played in two championship-winning teams, said he would take the first few weeks of the off-season to make up his mind about his future.

"I am not one to walk away from a job while there is still work to be done, but there will have to be drastic changes right through the club.

"They have to want to be competitive — and I don't mind if that involves a proper youth policy being developed over time rather than buying established players.

"It is no use training three nights a week and travelling to Sydney every second weekend if all you have to look forward to is a struggle against relegation season after season.

"A certain standard of player is required if we are to remain a competitive force in the NSW League. If the club is not prepared to meet that standard we might as well return to playing in the local competition."

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JOHNNY WARREN HAS HIS SAY

We shouldn't be too proud to learn from others

AT the Annual Yardley Awards at the Sydney Wentworth 12 months ago, I was sitting next to John Quayle, the executive director of the NSW Rugby League.

"Congratulations on what you have done with your game," was

my first comment to Quayle, a first grade league player during my own playing days.

"I wish we had your game to market," was his response; to which I replied: "So do I."

Quayle told me what we all know anyhow, that League's biggest problem is that it has nowhere to go internationally and he really

envied the opportunities our game had on the global scale.

"Soccer has the world, we only have England, NZ, France and Papua New Guinea."

All that aside, the point is that Rugby League has done a first class job with what it has available.

Not so many years

ago the game was on the ropes, gone for all money yet Quayle and his new breed have turned it all around and now it has never been in better shape.

I mention all this here as a means of introducing an excellent article which appeared in the Sydney Morning Herald the day before the Rugby League

grand final, written by sporting editor John Huxley, who also knows soccer backwards as a one-time Birmingham City apprentice.

The article is compulsory reading for our leaders, administrators and clubs.

It is a blue print for what soccer has to do, yet seldom looks like

doing.

John Quayle's comment that he wishes he had our sport is an indication of our game's potential.

But as with playing, potential is useless unless realised.

While we continue to have understaffed central offices, clubs without one full time admi-

nistrator, piddling promotional budgets and virtually no marketing plan we are all wasting our time.

But back to the Sydney Morning Herald article and the very clear message for Australian soccer football.

READ ON, AND LEARN WHAT HAS TO BE DONE...

Rugby League back from the dead and booming

"TOOTHPASTE," exclaims Graeme Foster, marketing manager of the NSW Rugby League, suddenly. "Maroon-and-white striped toothpaste for Manly supporters. Red-and-white for St George. Why not? Perhaps next year."

Tomorrow is the biggest day of the year for the self-styled "greatest game of them all": the Balmain Tigers meet the Canberra Raiders in the grand final.

Yet already, the hype and hustlers at League headquarters in Phillip Street are planning new products, new promotions and even the new player personalities for 1990.

This year was big. Tina Turner, the world's most glamorous granny, used sex to sell League and, even more surprising, succeeded. Channel 10, which seemingly can't get enough of the game, bought the television rights to League in a record \$48 million, three-year deal.

Winfield, sponsors since 1982, signed up again for an estimated \$12 million.

But next year, Foster promises, will be bigger still. "The game's just got to grow. The potential is enormous."

And you thought footy was only a game? Forget it.

NSW Rugby League is now high finance: a \$50 million-a-year business and, arguably, the marketing success story of the 1980s.

"The game has never been healthier, the football better or our image stronger," claims John Quayle, a former Parramatta and Eastern Suburbs player who is now the League's general manager. The proof?

• Attendances are 115,000, or about 7 per cent, up on last year. "Despite the wettest-ever start to a season, about 1.9 million people watched the 22 rounds of games leading to the finals. Crowds have grown by 69 per cent in six years," says Quayle.

Tickets for tomorrow's grand final were sold out in one day, more than two months ago.

And although the

game will be shown live in a nine-hour television extravaganza on Channel 10, and the ABC, fans are still reportedly willing to pay scalpers up to \$300 for a ticket.

• Television ratings are still increasing. "The one constant at Channel 10 in recent months has been the spectacular popularity of televised League," says promoter Brian Walsh.

It regularly rates in the upper 20s. Channel Nine's fierce State of Origin clashes rated almost 40, while the ABC's Saturday afternoon game frequently claims the channel's biggest audience of the week.

• Sales of licensed League merchandise — everything from Brisbane Broncos protective headgear to Western Suburbs watches (though no toothpaste, yet) — rose to more than \$22 million.

Turnover in Grace Brothers' special in-store footy shops jumped 60 per cent, while even Japan took \$500,000 worth of jumpers.

• The players, who ultimately support this imposing financial pile, have benefitted. Despite enormous disparities (English import Ellery Hanley was reportedly paid \$12,000 a match; third-grade bat-

ters may play for a win fee of about \$40), payments have increased alongside League profits.

An average first-grader now earns more than \$50,000.

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It all adds up to a remarkable transformation for a game that barely six years ago was at its lowest point since its conception in Victor Trumper's sports store in Market Street, Sydney, more than 80 years ago.

ney Morning Herald thought the "crisis in League" worthy of a thundering editorial. The game, it argued, was locked in a 1950s time-war.

Its image was "tawdry". Crowds had slumped, due to "deplorable" ground facilities and a perceived "thuggery" in the game.

There was "innuendo and savage criticism of referees". Many of the 14 clubs were "virtually bankrupt."

Worse, the game



Snapped by ASW's photographer at NSW Premier Nick Greiner's reception at the State Reception Rooms in Sydney: L to R: Steve Kamasz, NSL's promotions consultant and former executive director, national coach Frank Arok, Sydney Olympic treasurer Con Tsiatalios and president George Paschalis and John Economos of ASW. Much of soccer's overall progress could depend on the Kamasz recommendations.



ALAN VESSEY
General Secretary ASF

Just before the Parramatta-Manly Grand Final of 1983, The Syd-

stood accused of being run on old-boy lines. The game's administra-

tors "have tended to run things for their own convenience rather than for the players and the spectators", said the Herald.

Only weeks earlier, the League had been rocked by the resignation of executive director Kevin Humphreys amid sensational allegations in a Four Corners television program of financial malpractice.

Ken Arthurson, now president of the NSW Rugby League, admits, "Things had gone seriously wrong. Here we had the greatest game in the world, but its image, its administration, its marketing, were all wrong."

"We had to smarten up our act or see the game go into decline."

Some suggested that a big businessman like Kerry Packer was needed to bring Rugby League screaming and kicking into the 1990s.

Instead, League bosses decided to put their own house in order. Quayle and Foster, previously with the J. Walter Thompson advertising agency and Channel Nine, were recruited.

A report was commissioned from management consultants W.D. Scott. On its recommendation, two tough decisions were taken: the NSW Rugby League was incorporated and its unwieldy 44-member committee abolished.

It was replaced by a new, nine-member board, including outsiders with business expertise.

The ailing Newtown Jets, one of the League's founders in 1908, were allowed to go out of business; another eight "technically insolvent" clubs, were warned that the League would let them die if they failed to meet new, strict financial criteria.

Paul McKay, of ad agency Hertz Walpole, which produced the Tina Turner commercials, recalls: "There was a perception — wrong, in fact — that the game should be called 'thugby league'."

There was the problem, too, that the game was growing old. Its traditional support base — predominantly blue-



NSL chairman SAM PAPASAVAS

collar males — was eroding."

A crackdown on foul-play — kicking, gouging, biting, punching — was ordered. Money was spent developing Mini and Mod League, the children's derivatives, of the game, in a deliberate move to "get future generations of spectators young". Refereeing standards were raised.

Some \$10 million, part of it from Footy TAB receipts, was pumped into upgrading stadiums.

The expertise of professionals such as McKay, board member Graham Lovett of Sport Australia, and Channel 10's Brian Walsh, was tapped.

Players such as Balmain's Wayne Pearce and Cronulla's Andrew Ettingshausen — "superb athletes, good communicators and visually appealing performers," according to Foster — became the front-men in a polished promotional campaign.

They were supported by huge amounts of free publicity from an insatiable, and largely uncritical, Sydney media, and assisted by a generous principal sponsor, Winfield, whose product (tobacco) may become unacceptable in the longer term.

The aim throughout, says Foster, has been to broaden League's traditional constituency, by moving into the faster-growing regions of Sydney, such as the far western suburbs, and by building on the predominantly male, blue-collar supporter base.

The natural progression, says McKay,

was into this year's controversial Tina Turner campaign, with its raunchy, rock music and "what you see is what you get" message.

What, in fact, you get, says McKay, is hard, honest, uncompromising action from the new heroes of Rugby League: an "extremely athletic group of men who aren't all built like brick out-houses".

More, it's "the cheapest form of entertainment around. Mum, dad and the kids can see three games, enjoy a couple of meat pies and cans of Coke — all for about 20 bucks."

He insists that the League marketers have "been careful not to



Tony Labbozzetta

lose the plot". Amid the showbiz razzmatazz, the game remains the central focus.

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Big push for fair play in NSW

[Following along the 'Fair Play' route set in place by FIFA, the directors of the NSW Soccer Federation have laid down new direct guidelines designed to minimise player misconduct.]

General manager Ian Holmes has now issued the following directive to referees' organisation.]

THERE can be no doubt that the standards of discipline on the field of play have been dropping for many years and that this has seriously detracted from the game as a spectacle.

This Federation has, over the past two seasons, taken firm action to stamp out misbehaviour by:

- instituting financial sanctions against offenders
- issuing memoranda to referees
- implementing a standard series of punishment through its Memorandum on Disciplinary Measures
- adopted innovative concepts in dealing with misconduct.

There are five areas that need to be seriously addressed in the 1990 season. They are:

- 1) **Petty Indiscipline:** eg. kicking the ball away, refusing to stand back at the taking of free kicks.
- 2) **Feigning of Injury.**
- 3) **Penalty Kicks:** Encroaching by defenders and attackers, the goalkeeper moving before the penalty is taken.
- 4) **Dissent.**
- 5) **Over-physical play,** including illegal charges from behind.

1) Petty Indiscipline.

The habit, by some players, of kicking the ball away after the game has been stopped, is churlish and must be eradicated. Likewise, referees must be prepared to caution players who frustrate the taking of a free kick or who refuse to retreat the proper distance from free kicks. There should be no need for referees to argue and push offenders back. Strong action, taken early in the game, can prevent problems later on and shows that you intend your instructions to be carried out. This is the sign of a good referee.



2) Feigning of Injury.

Players who writhe about in agony after a tackle in the hope of getting an opponent into trouble are an affront to the game and should be immediately cautioned. The referee who is able to use his commonsense and experience in dealing with this sort of behaviour will have the full backing of this Federation.

3) Penalty Kicks.

a) Encroachment at the taking of a penalty kick.

Referees must make a definite point of warning players to remain outside the penalty area until the ball has been kicked and then position themselves to monitor any subsequent encroachment. The situation whereby a mass charge of defenders and attackers takes place before the ball is kicked must not be allowed.

b) Goalkeeper moving before penalty kick is taken.

Another common

breach of Law XIV is that goalkeepers constantly move before the kick has been taken.

Referees must be in no doubt that if such an infringement takes place and a goal is not scored they must order that the kick be retaken.

Referees are expected to ensure by their position, by their instructions to players and by their readiness to penalise offenders, that Law XIV is properly upheld.

4) Dissent.

The referee who refuses to clamp down on dissent early in the game runs a great risk of losing control later on. The Federation insists that referees apply fully these instructions on the elimination of dissent.

The tactic of mass dissent by teams has been with us for some time. It should be reiterated that referees prepared to take strong action in such cases will receive the full support of the Federation. If each person involved in cases of

mass dissent were cautioned, the players would very quickly realise the consequences of their actions and football would be able to avoid the disgraceful incidents of mass protest which can act as flash points and provoke further trouble both on and off the field.

Referees must also refuse to accept continual harassment by so called "star players". It seems natural that the referee who gets the top players to comply with the Laws of the Game makes it easier for himself to control the other players. Because a player is a household name does not mean that he should be able to get away with behaviour which a referee would not accept from a less well known player. In no way is it suggested that well known players should receive special attention by the referees, but neither must they appear to be continually commenting to the referees about decisions and receiving special freedoms which are not given to others.

5) Over-Physical play, including illegal charges from behind.

The game in Australia is still very physical. There has been a reduction in the illegal tackle from behind and its elimination should be a priority for all referees in the coming season. Action against the illegal tackle from behind has received the total support of managers and coaches, and referees are instructed to act strongly to remove it completely from our game.

The development of skill can only flourish in a situation where the ball player can display his talent without being assaulted by the sort of dangerous and violent challenges which cause

injury, spoil creative play and ruin the game as a spectacle. The Federation's aim is not to eliminate robust physical challenges from our game, but to make the game fair. Intimidation, kicking and pushing must not be allowed to prevent the display of skill. Deal with his problem sensibly, with consistency and with fairness.

The Federation recognises and appreciates the work which has been done by referees during the last year to improve field discipline. This must be a year, however, when referees ensure that there is no weakening in their resolve. It must be a year when referees consolidate what has been done before and allow no back sliding to take place.

Everyone with the interest of Australian football at heart recognises the importance of this campaign. From the start it has had the overwhelming backing of members clubs, the public and the media. The Federation will give every support to the refereeing movement in New South Wales to carry out these instructions.

ACT BRIEFS

- **STEVE FORSHAW** was re-appointed Belconnen United's first division coach at the club's annual meeting. No decision has been made on the other grades.
- June Willett was re-elected vice-president, Michael McGready succeeds Mike Black as secretary and Ray Stowers is the new registrar in succession to Alan Turnbull.
- Croatia's top-scoring ACT League striker Emil Maricic is being considered by goal-starved Inter Monaro.

KENNY WILSON Wollongong Mac



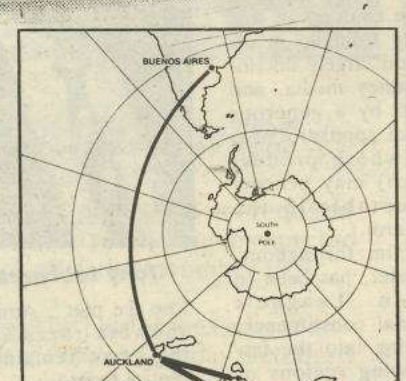
NAME: Kenny Wilson
POSITION: Sweeper
HEIGHT: 185cm
WEIGHT: 77 Kilos
MARITAL STATUS: Single
BIRTHPLACE: Clydebank, Scotland
DATE OF BIRTH: 3.10.57
HOME SUBURB: Hornsby
OCCUPATION: Boutique owner
PREVIOUS CLUB: Rangers, Albion Rovers, Sydney Olympic, St George, Melita-Eagles, Wollongong Macedonia
NICKNAME: None
CAR: Mercedes Benz Sports 350
BEST FRIEND: Alex Jamieson
FAVOURITE FOOD: Indian Curries
FAVOURITE MUSIC: "Hall and Oates"
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Minder, SBS World Soccer

FAVOURITE GROUND: St George Stadium
FAVOURITE LOCAL PLAYER: Sebastian Giampaolo
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: NSW vs Dynamo Zagreb 1981 at the Sydney Sportsground
BIGGEST THRILL: Signing for Glasgow Rangers as a Youth player
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Leaving Rangers
WORST INJURY: Torn thigh muscle which kept me out of Soccer for 10 months
HARDEST OPPONENT: John Kosmina
MOST PROMISING TEAM MATE: John McKie
AMBITIONS: To be healthy and keep playing as long as I can.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Raul Blanco, Doug Collins
FAVOURITE OVERSEAS CLUB: Rangers, Liverpool
FAVOURITE OVERSEAS PLAYER: Liverpool's Alan Hansen
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Hosts Chile in bright opener

AFTER a brilliant opening ceremony, the team of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus downed Australia 2-1 and Chile went on to thrash the Nicaraguan squad 6-0.

TRN CYPRUS 2 AUSTRALIA 1

North Cyprus went ahead in the 37th minute when striker Aktuce scored with an excellent drive from the right.

Australia reacted at the beginning of the second half, and after 15 minutes midfielder Parkinson, with a powerful drive from 30 metres, equalised.

Cyprus improved after the Australian equaliser and took control of the match, showing a much better physical strength.

Five minutes before the end midfielder G. Osman put fellow striker Aktuce through to score the winner.

TRN CYPRUS: Munford, Mottl, Gogic, Marnies, Yilmici, G. Osman, E. Osman, Higgins, Alpkaya, Aktuce, Tekin (70' Tesoro).

AUSTRALIA: Hine, Mapwood, Jones, Disch, Paul, Parkinson, Coote, O'Connell (12' Oblati), Aboud, Kaltenecker.

Man of the match: G. Osman (TRN Cyprus).

CHILE 6 NICARAGUA 0

After a very intense and a rough first 45 minutes that ended 2-0 in favour of the Chileans — goals scored by Castro in the 4th minute and Duarte in the 44th — the Chileans clearly dominated the second half and put four more into the Nicaraguan net.

Nicaragua put up a brave fight in the opening 45 minutes, but was completely outplayed thereafter.

Striker Ferris added a third goal in the 55th, and replacement Norman netted the fourth in the 74th, defender Johnson converted the fifth with a header in the 82nd and striker Duarte, with another header, closed the scoreline in the 90th.

Midfielders C. Ortiz,

and C. Donoso, and defender J. Johnson were brilliant for Chile.

CHILE: Gonzalez, Cortes, Johnson, Willis, Kulwicki, Donoso, Araujo (62' Monsalve), Ortiz, Duarte, Ferris, Castro (69' Norman).

NICARAGUA: Ponce, Campos, Cruz, Alvarado, Cruz, Pena, Castellano, Lozano, Fernandez, Torres, Ponce.

Man of the match: Christian Ortiz (Chile).

EL SALVADOR 3 BRAZIL 1

With a brilliant display from Gerry Gomez, playing as a striker, El Salvador defeated Brazil 3-1 in the first match for Group 4.

The Central Americans opened the score in the 13th minute when the Brazilian goalkeeper couldn't control a cross from Salvadorean striker Parada, and Gomez sent the ball into the net.

Biason, after good combination with Nelio Borges, scored the equaliser for the Brazilians in the 85th.

Five minutes later goalkeeper Carbajal saved twice from Gomez in a valiant effort.

But Gomez did score with a header in the 60th minute to complete his hat-trick.

EL SALVADOR: Thurlow, Djalo, Cavanah, Ramos, Watkins, Rodriguez, Galindo, Lefevre (76th Canales), omez, Colusso, Parada (88' Urbina).

BRAZIL: Carbajal, Gomez, Da Silva, Fonseca, Vieira, Lira, Dosreis, Sabara, Biason (45' Aravena), De Melo (67' Montelero), Borges.

Man of the match: Gerry Gomez.

TURKEY 5 ROMANIA 1

In Group 3, Turkey, showing great determination, youth and skills defeated Romania comprehensively 5-1.

The Turkish squad overpowered a Romanian outfit with many well known individuals but with less cohesion as a team.

After 21 minutes Romanian defender Radosavljevic deflected a free kick from Turkish midfielder Gregson and scored an own goal.

But in one of the few good moves by Romania, striker Drago-mirescu equalised with a 31st minute volley.



Stephan Janic (right) — starred for Turkey in their 5-1 win against Romania.

The Romanians pressed towards the end of the first half, but the strikers missed badly, while the Turkish counter-attacks were effective.

Striker Tasdemir took the score to 2-1 with a 25 metre volley, then Ulloa added a third.

Replacement Keselic scored the fourth and Ulloa finished the Turkish account in the 80th minute.

TURKEY: Silkeci, Omac, Can, Akdogan, Gregson, Takla, Genc, Taskin, Tasdemir (Keslic 57), Celic (Senol 80), Ulloa.

ROMANIA: Elyassih (Motanc 65), Guy, Tothz (Talessandro 60), Vulnovie, Radosavljevic, Barac, Drago-

mirescu, Nastoski, Radovic, Filipovic, Partila (Xathakis 60).

Man of the match: Ulloa (Turkey).

ITALY 1 URUGUAY 1

A very disappointing Italian outfit only managed a draw against a depleted Uruguayan squad that had to play for 77 minutes with nine men, after referee K. Tooke sent off defender Roberto Martinez and midfielder Paul Benitez for verbal abuse.

Right at the end of the first half, Uruguayan defender Javier Brosque took advantage of a perfect service from

J. Fernandez, lobbed the ball over Italian goalkeeper R. Carusso and opened the score to the surprise of the crowd and the Italian players.

In the second half, Nario almost added a second goal for the Uruguayans but his drive found the left post.

The Italians equalised in the 67th thanks to a well executed penalty by midfielder T. Genovese.

Three minutes from the end goalkeeper Carusso saved a free



TONY GENOVESE

kick executed from the right flank by Brosque.

ITALY: Carusso, Raguz (69' Pastega), Rodas, Casale, Havnold, Zurlo, Vinci, A. Genovese, T. Genovese, Gomez (45' Lobos), Lombardo.

URUGUAY: Anabalon, Brosque, Nario, Martinez, Benitez, Gomez, Varela, Arbelo, Pereira (45' Pazos), Vidal, Borello (25' J. Fernandez).

Man of the match: A. Nario (Uruguay).

OVER 35: Group 1: El Salvador 1 Lebanon 1, Chile 0 Colombia 0, El Salvador 0 Chile 0.

GROUP 2: Argentina 2 Paraguay 0, Uruguay 2 Italy 0.

GROUP 3: Romania 3 Australia 1, England 1 Ecuador 0, Romania 2 England 0.

GROUP 4: Germany 1 Greece 1, TRN Cyprus 3 Spain 1.

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11.00PM 0/35 Group 2 Uruguay vs Paraguay
12.15PM 0/35 Group 4 T.R.N. Cyprus vs Greece
1.30PM Group 2 Syria vs Spain
3.15PM Group 3 Uruguay vs Romania
5.00PM Group 4 T.R.N. Cyprus vs Brazil
7.00PM Group 2 Macedonia vs Colombia

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

9.15AM 0/35 Group 3 Ecuador vs Romania
10.45AM Group 4 Australia vs El Salvador
12.30PM Group 1 Argentina vs Nicaragua
2.15PM Group 1 Chile vs Lebanon
4.00PM Group 3 Turkey vs Italy



Bankstown NIB Tornados: L to R top: D. Cooperthwaite, J. Dolan, S. Fabian, S. Young, N. Nicolopoulos (Coach). C. Heydon, A. Sein, K. Lembryk, T. McCann.

League shows the way

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Predictably, though, not everyone in Rugby League likes the mood of the Tina Turner ad ("sexy without being sexist," suggests Foster) or its cost (a big chunk of the \$2 million campaign budget, admits McKay) or the fact that it is to be updated and repeated in 1990.

The bottom line, however, is that since 1983, total NSW Rugby League revenue has increased from barely \$3 million to more than \$10 million.

The competition has been successfully expanded from 13 to 16 clubs, with the entry last year of well-supported teams from Brisbane (the Broncos), Newcastle (Knights) and the Gold Coast (Giants).

Fears that the standard of competition would fall have proved ill-founded as new, exciting players, such as Brad Fittler of Penrith, Tim Brasher of Balmain and Jim Serdaris of Souths, have emerged.

Concern that there could be a damaging explosion in players' pay has been headed off by the imposition of a salary cap next year.

Although the number of clubs has expanded, the dividend paid annually to each from League profits has also risen, from \$22,000 in 1983 to more than \$230,000.

And although a couple continue to struggle, the 16 League clubs are far more financially secure than they were six years ago.

When their annual reports are published later this year, they are expected to show that only two or three incurred a

loss (in Brisbane's case due to start-up costs), and that in all, the 16 turned over more than \$40 million, derived mainly from gate receipts, social club grants, sponsorship and League dividends.



PETER RUSSELL
(NSL)

Brian Walsh pays tribute to the achievement of the League's management. "I think you have to say that the Rugby League is now an extremely successful, highly professional operation. And that goes for the players as well as the clubs and League officials."

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But what of the future? League officials are enjoying the spectacular climax to a successful season at the Sydney Football Stadium tomorrow afternoon run little risk of being blinded by the reflected glory of the occasion.

"We know there's no room for complacency. We can't sit still. We've got to move forward," says Arthurson. But where?

He and Quayle deny that the limits to growth have been reached, or that football coverage has reached saturation point.

There is talk of expanding the competition further: of adding teams from Townsville or Brisbane again, Auckland even.

Longer term, the hope is to inaugurate a truly national competition, with teams from Perth, Darwin and even Melbourne, still regarded as "the last frontier" because of its adherence to Aussie Rules.

Further afield, there are hopes of transplanting the game in the United States (venue for an ill-advised adventure last season) and even Japan.

But it could all prove to be just so much wishful thinking by men still capable of PR mistakes, such as tomorrow's progrenie display.

Domestic competition for the spectator's, sponsor's and television networker's dollar is intensifying, while worldwide the game is probably making no net headway.

The game's evangelists would be well advised to contemplate the words of English writer and football fanatic Geoffrey Moorehouse.

He recently chastised the expansionists, advising them instead "to ponder the fact that nowhere yet, as Rugby League approaches its centenary, has it been adopted as anybody's principal winter sport, with the sole and improbable exception of Papua New Guinea."

Perhaps Rugby League's strength resides in the very parochialism that fires clashes between the NSW "cockroaches" and the Queensland "canetoads", between Fatty's Sea Eagles and Wally's Broncos, between long-time rivals Balmain Tigers and South Sydney Rabbitohs.

Perhaps the future for League's marketing men does, indeed, lie with multi-coloured toothpaste.

1989 Pacific Cup

BY JOE DI MEGLIO

INVITATIONS have been issued for countries which may wish to compete in the 1989 Pacific Cup competition.

The countries that have been approached are Canada, Australia, Japan, Cuba, USA, Mexico and New Zealand.

THE Pacific Indoor Soccer (Futsal) Cup was set up in 1987 as a regional competition, similar to the European, South American and North American Cups, to cater for countries located on the Pacific rim.

The inaugural tournament was held in Australia with Japan, Canada, USA, New Zealand, Mexico and Australia taking part.

Mexico won the championship when it defeated Australia 6-2 in extra-time after the scores were level at 2-2 at full-time.

The Cup is held ev-

ery two years, and this year the host nation is Mexico.

The capital, Mexico City, will be the host, just as it was three years ago when the World Cup final (outdoor) between Argentina and West Germany was played.

New Zealand have yet to accept the invitation.

There will be a board meeting at FIFA House in Zurich later this week, where the draw for the tournament will also be made.

Matches will be played between November 25 and December 3.

Australia is one of the favourites to take the title, in view of its reaching the competition final just two years ago.



Teresa McCann shows her determination against the West Sydney Swans earlier this season — HECTOR CARRASCO pic.

Bankstown look to juniors

THE Bankstown NIB Tornados have entered nine junior teams in the Condell Park Indoor Centre competitions in Sydney's western suburbs.

The idea is to encourage and create depth for the club from up and coming junior players.

It looks certain to provide a good omen for the club, as the three time Australian Champions could have more success in coming years with their own products.

With teams ranging from under 10s to All

Age and a number of Australian internationals in their sides, the Tornados look to have an exciting future.

The Tornados also have had their finances boosted with the assistance of their major sponsors, Metro Travel, Continental Airlines, Shell Padstow and Lockwood Locks and Hardware.

There will be a lot of youngsters playing on Tuesday and Thursday nights looking to break into the senior squad, and one day compete in the National League.

— JOE DI MEGLIO



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JHNISL POINTS TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
White Eagles.....	8	7	0	1	103	33	21
Melbourne Buffalos.....	9	5	3	1	63	43	21
West Sydney Swans.....	7	6	1	0	65	26	20
B'town NIB Tornados.....	8	4	1	3	47	34	14
AMIGA Commodores.....	9	3	1	5	36	67	11
LaTrobe Valley Falcons.....	9	3	0	6	64	75	9
Brisbane Baysiders.....	7	3	0	4	35	59	9
Inter Monaro.....	6	3	0	3	33	52	9
Illawarra Health Fund.....	5	1	0	4	35	57	3
Sydney Strikers.....	8	0	0	8	38	76	0

Results

White Eagles 14 Sydney Strikers 4, Inter Monaro 6 AMIGA Commodores 1, Bankstown NIB Tornados 8 Brisbane Baysiders 1, Melbourne Buffalos 4 LaTrobe Valley Falcons 2, AMIGA Commodores 5 Sydney Strikers 4.

Top Scorers

M. Blagojevic (White Eagles) 41, R. Filipovic (White Eagles) 31, Erkin Osman (West Syd. Swans), J. Metaxas (Melb Buffalos) 21, A. Cassar (LaTrobe Valley), A. Saad (NIB Tornados) 19, M. Radosavljevic (White Eagles) 15, S. Giampaolo (Inter Monaro), S. Gilligan (AMIGA Commodores) 13, F. Carvalho, V. Cristaldo (Melb Buffalos) 12, Joe Coelho (Illawarra HF), F. Valastro (Sydney Strikers) 11.

BSWNISL POINTS TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
B'town NIB Tornados.....	5	4	1	0	53	16	14
Sydney Strikers.....	5	4	0	1	29	15	12
Melbourne Buffalos.....	6	3	1	2	31	22	11
T'makers Prime Movers.....	4	1	0	3	12	26	3
West Sydney Swans.....	5	1	0	4	17	33	3
Brisbane Baysiders.....	3	0	0	3	5	35	0

Results

Bankstown NIB Tornados 21 Brisbane Baysiders 0.

Top Scorers

K. Lembryk (NIB Tornados) 25, C. Heydon (NIB Tornados) 12, N. Komorowski (Sydney Strikers) 10, J. Hebb (Sydney Strikers) 9, C. Church (Melb Buffalos) 8, T. McCann, J. Dolan (NIB Tornados) 7, J. McPhee, W. Kinmont (Melb Buffalos), C. James (West Syd Swans) 6.

THIS WEEK'S MATCHES

JHNISL

SATURDAY OCTOBER 7

Sydney Strikers v Illawarra Health Fund
Fairfield Leisure Centre 9pm
AMIGA Commodores v West Sydney Swans
Fairfield Leisure Centre 5pm
LaTrobe Valley Falcons v White Eagles
Moe Sports Centre 8pm
Inter Monaro v Brisbane Baysiders
Civic YMCA TBA
Melbourne Buffalos v Bankstown NIB Tornados
TBA

SUNDAY OCTOBER 8

West Sydney Swans v Sydney Strikers
Fairfield Leisure Centre 1pm
LaTrobe Valley Falcons v Bankstown NIB Tornados
Moe Sports Centre 1pm
Melbourne Buffalos v White Eagles
TBA
Illawarra Health Fund v Brisbane Baysiders
Beaton Park Leisure Centre, TBA

BSWNISL

SATURDAY OCTOBER 7

Sydney Strikers v Tubemakers Prime Movers
Fairfield Leisure Centre 7.15pm
Melbourne Buffalos v Bankstown NIB Tornados
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Eagles soar

SYDNEY White Eagles became the new leaders of the James Hardie National Indoor Soccer League when they hammered luckless Sydney Strikers 14-4 before a capacity crowd at Mt Druitt last Saturday evening.

Even without the services of injured star Siska Filipovic, Eagles were too strong for bottom-of-the-table Strikers.

Leading scorer Milan Blagojevic scored five of the Eagles' goals to take his season's tally to 41.

Inter Monaro kept their top four hopes alive with a 6-1 win in Canberra over the young AMIGA Commodores.

Monaro's win was highlighted by a superb goalkeeping display from goalkeeper Tony Musumeci and three goals from outdoor star Baz Giampaolo.

Defending champions, the Melbourne Buffalos, moved into second spot with a hard-fought 4-2 victory over LaTrobe Valley, while in Brisbane, triple national champions, the NIB Tornadoes, proved they are anything but a spent force with a convincing 8-1 result against Brisbane Bayside.

In the Buffalo Sports Women's NISL, NIB Tornadoes moved to the top of the table with a 21-0 thrashing of Brisbane.

Leading scorer Lembryk scored 10 of those goals.

BRIS BAYSIDERS 1 NIB TORNADOES 8

A depleted Tornadoes team, weakened by injuries and suspensions, travelled to the Sunshine State by bus to meet a Brisbane side which needed a win to move into the top four.

Victory was vital for both sides, as semi-final aspirations were in danger of slipping away.

Steve Knight, 'Mr Indoor Soccer' as he is known to his teammates, didn't waste any time in netting his goal when within 30 seconds, a one-two build-up with Robbie Stuart was struck sweetly past Neil Olive in the Brisbane goal.

Paul Rago and John White collected quick goals two minutes later, and the score was 3-0.

The Tornadoes didn't appear hesitant in their attacking play and continued to play inspired soccer.

Robbie Stuart netted his first goal and moved the score to 4-0 in the eighth minute when his free kick went straight through the wall.

Just when the Baysiders looked like folding, they mounted pressure of their own and in the 13th minute they had the chance to pull one back through Chris O'Reilly and Neil Catchpole, but the everpresent George Psaroudis held firm and kept his sheet clean up till the break.

John White, who had a \$20 bet with coach Nick Nicolopoulos that he would score a hat-trick, did everything but score when he set up Kelly Cross to score after the ball hit the post

and bounced in.

Brisbane then added a goal of their own when Darren Corbett scored a spectacular volley from a corner throw.

The Brisbane side seemed to rattle the Tornadoes defence with their attacks led by Corbett up front, but again it was Psaroudis who was the saviour for the Tornadoes with his fine saves.

After that it was all Tornadoes as Rago netted his second goal of the match in the 12th minute and White made good his \$20 bet when he finally added two goals in the 14th and 19th minutes.

It was persistence that earned White his two goals, with his second goal the best of the match.

Having controlled the ball in his own half, he ran the length of the court, beating several players and shooting into the top corner.

Stuart had his chance to land his hat-trick but was unlucky when he struck the post on two occasions.

All the Tornadoes team will agree that John White was the winner on the night!

BRISBANE: Olive, S. White, O'Reilly, Hansen, Corbett, Catchpole, Allen, Kuhler, Bramwell, Siendentopf, Bearman.

TORNADOES: Psaroudis, Knight, Stuart, J. White, Rago, Cross.

SCORERS: Corbett for Brisbane, J. White (3), Rago (2), Stuart, Knight, Cross for Tornadoes.

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The 1989 Brisbane Baysiders — Photo HECTOR CARRASCO

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BRIS BAYSIDERS 0 NIB TORNADOES 21

The Bankstown NIB Tornadoes last Saturday at the Chandler Stadium in Brisbane recorded their best result to date with a crushing win over the local Baysiders.

Captain Cindy Heydon started the ball rolling when she netted from an acute angle in the second minute.

Airene Sein added the second three minutes later when she intercepted a Brisbane build-up and charged away to score.

Leading goalscorer Kim Lembryk had her opportunity to add to the scoreline in the seventh minute when she was brought down in the penalty area by Susan Clayton.

She missed that chance but made up for it a minute later when a lucky bounce off her leg ricocheted into the net, catching the Brisbane defence out.

From then on it was all Tornadoes with their classy play and attacking which had the Brisbane team split in two, and even though the locals did pull off some stern tackles, the classy Tornadoes just found other ways of carving chances.

Lembryk added another four and

Heydon netted three goals, which took the score to 10-0 at the break.

Even though the Brisbane side didn't have a sniff at goal, they did try to add a consolation goal, but as hard as they tried they couldn't get past a Tornadoes defence which seemed fresh despite the 13-hour bus trip from Sydney the previous night.

And with three goals in one minute by Teresa McCann (2), and Julie Dolan they didn't appear to tire.

Kim Lembryk continued her burst at the top of the goalscorers' chart with another five goals, and Dolan (2) and McCann netted the extras.

It was a happy Tornadoes outfit which moved into top place on the ladder and is now looking for a win against their strongest challengers, the Melbourne Buffalos, who held them to a draw earlier in the season.

BRISBANE: S. Clayton, Humphreys, V. Clayton, Cronin, Sopha, Jansen, Browne, Stevens.

TORNADOES: Fabian, Sein, Heydon, Lembryk, Dolan, McCann, Young, Cooperthwaite.

SCORERS: Lembryk (10), Heydon (4), Dolan (3), McCann (3), Sein for Tornadoes.



West Sydney Swans v Sydney Strikers action — Photo HECTOR CARRASCO



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That was the year that was and never was!

BEFORE the 1989 season is just a fading memory ASW thought it time to hand out the awards for the highlights and lowlights of a quite memorable year.

The season was spiced with a little of everything — drama, pathos, spectacular thrills and spills and the usual degree of the less than satisfactory administration which has become part and parcel of our code.

It was a year of dashed World Cup hopes (again), of back-to-back premierships for Marconi, record finals crowds, disappointment for Melbourne (again) and possibly it will go down as the last NSL winter season.

All the usual controversies of crowd violence and coaching dismissals reared their ugly heads from time to time.

In short, there proved to be plenty worth recording for "posterity."

So for 1989, here are the 1989 NSL (No Sanity League) awards.

BEST COMEBACK BY A PLAYER: Steve Tassios was a revelation as he led the South Melbourne Hellas charge into the finals in 1988 with his daring runs from midfield.

Struck down by a serious bout of glandular fever pre-season 'Tas' wasn't expected to play this season.

Instead, he was back into the team before mid-season and was instrumental in getting the club back on track despite missing the finals.

WORST COMEBACK BY A PLAYER: Paul Wade will look back on 1989 as his season and laugh — at least one day he will.

He overcame a serious pelvic injury, which kept him sidelined for the early part of the season, to fight his way back into both the South Melbourne team and the Soccerroos.

Within weeks of his return, the green and golds had crashed out of the World Cup and South Melbourne was out of finals calculations.

To cap it off he breaks a leg mid-year and misses the rest of the season. Ouch!

BIGGEST UPSET! Blacktown's miracle escape act on the last day of the season as a virtual last-minute goal gave it a 3-2 win and safety from relegation.

Adelaide City hadn't lost a home game for 20 weeks before Blacktown's visit, Blacktown had NEVER won in Adelaide and it had been two months without a win for the Sydney team before that game.

The NSL couldn't have set up a more dramatic finale to the season if it tried.

BEST COACHING PERFORMANCE: I still maintain Melbourne Croatia's Ivan Raznjevic deserves the nod over Marconi's Berti Mariani.

But then again I'm probably just a little biased.

Marconi was just that good and we all knew that long before the season started.

Melbourne Croatia was a rabble.

Raznjevic transformed Croatia into the most successful and entertaining team



PETER BARNES: best cameo role

in Melbourne and one of the best in the country.

I'd never imagined saying that about a Croatia team seemingly going nowhere before Raznjevic's arrival.

THE FALSE PROPHET AWARD: To Miron Bleiberg and John Margaritis who, through little fault of their own, were hailed as the men to save Heidelberg and Melbourne JUST respectively.

Both joined their new clubs mid-stream and were expected to turn the fortunes of the ailing Melbourne

clubs. Margaritis took over JUST when it was second-last on the ladder and the club finished second-last.

Bleiberg took charge as Heidelberg sat at the foot of the table and it goes without saying that that was where the Bergers finished. Enough said

THE BEST HEAVYWEIGHT K.O.: Goes to Marconi who showed what it was all about late in the season when visiting Melbourne.

The Melbourne Croatia — Marconi clash was billed as the

battle of the league heavyweights and possibly, a 1989 grand final preview.

Marconi, playing the role of Mike Tyson, threw itself into top gear and blew the Melbourne pretender away to the tune of 4-0.

Croatia, looking as shell-shocked as Frank Bruno, was still picking itself off the canvas by the time the finals came around.

THE GODS MUST BE CRAZY AWARD: A split between Melbourne JUST's Joe Palattsides and Mehmet Durakovic. Both must be look-

ing to the heavens and asking just what they did wrong after finishing on the wrong end of relegation again in 1989.

'Pala' and 'Mem' couldn't have done more for both Brunswick Juventus and then JUST this year and yet both seasons have been disasters at club level.

These boys will be avoiding black cats and ladders in the next few weeks as they try to avoid a relegation hat-trick.

THE BEST PLACE TO WATCH NSL GAMES: Is certainly in Sydney at either the Football Stadium or Parramatta.

Olympic Park, with problems of playing pitch, parking and a general lack of regard for soccer patrons, is fast falling behind the better Sydney venues.

The two Sydney venues looked marvelous for World Cup matches and finals and obviously fans are responding by turning up to these games in droves.

Special mention must be made of Melbourne Croatia's super new Somers Road ground.

Croatia bought the land and built the complex with no council aid in the course of just a few years.

Once the lights go up it will be as good a ground as Middle Park which has long been regarded as one of the best NSL venues.

WORST PLACE TO WATCH NSL: Chaplin Reserve wins hands down.

A dreadful pitch and facilities to match make it far and away the worst in the league.

BEST CAMEO ROLE: Was played by

former England international Peter Barnes who turned up at Melbourne JUST for a week or two mid-year.

Barnes came as JUST's guest player and was hailed as the biggest thing since sliced bread.

Apparently less than interested, Barnes lasted for just two less than memorable games and was shunted off by a bitterly disappointed John Margaritis.

Barnes went off to holiday on the Gold Coast.

THE SPEAK NO EVIL AWARD: Came during the mid-year gum-flapping battle between Melbourne Croatia's Ivan Raznjevic and Apia's Mike Urukalo.

On the eve of the clash of the two clubs in Melbourne, Urukalo was misquoted in the Melbourne press as having put the boot in on the high-flying Melbourne team.

After defeating Apia, Raznjevic had his turn at slinging off at the Sydneysiders with some quotable quotes of his own.

Urukalo was furious and not at all a happy, little vegemite.

Raznjevic's final response was a curt "who cares?"

We wish we could say more, but ASW cannot afford the lawsuit.

THE KEEP IT IN THE FAMILY AWARD: Goes to that unlucky father and son act, the flying Dimoskis.

You remember them surely?

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ADELAIDE CITY

THIS week Greg Blake spotlights the Adelaide City and Melbourne Croatia club record since the NSL began in 1977. Other club statistics will be slotted in over future issues. All NSL league, Cup and finals matches have been recorded.

OPPONENT	HOME	AWAY	FINALS	CUP	TOTAL	RECORD WIN	RECORD DEFEAT
APIA	8 3 3 2 7 5	8 1 3 4 8 15	N/A	N/A	16 4 6 6 15 20	2-0 1980 (home) & 89 (away)	1-4 1982 (away)
Blacktown	3 1 1 1 5 5	3 2 0 1 8 4	N/A	1 1 0 0 4 0	7 4 1 2 17 9	5-1 1981 (away)	1-2 1989 (away)
Heidelberg	12 10 1 1 26 11	12 2 4 6 7 14	N/A	2 1 1 0 1 0	26 13 6 7 34 25	4-1 1987 (home)	0-3 1978 (away)
Marconi	10 3 2 5 12 12	10 3 3 4 22 16	N/A	N/A	20 6 5 9 34 28	4-0 1977 (away) & 79 (home)	2-4 1979 (home)
Melb. Croatia	6 4 0 2 11 5	6 1 2 3 4 9	N/A	1 1 0 0 1 1	13 6 2 5 16 14	3-0 1985 & 87 (both home) & 87 (away)	0-3 1985 (away)
Melb. Just	13 9 2 2 30 10	13 4 7 2 19 15	2 2 0 0 5 3	1 0 0 1 2 3	29 15 9 5 36 31	7-1 1986 (home)	1-3 1981 (home)
Preston	9 2 4 3 6 6	10 2 1 7 8 19	N/A	1 1 0 0 3 2	20 5 5 10 17 27	2-0 1986 (home)	0-3 1981 & 86 (both away)
Sth Melbourne	13 6 4 3 18 12	13 2 3 8 9 17	N/A	2 1 0 1 4 5	23 9 7 12 31 34	3-0 1978 (home) & 82 (away)	0-5 1978 (away)
St George	10 5 2 3 15 7	9 3 3 3 13 14	N/A	1 1 0 0 3 2	20 9 5 6 31 23	6-1 1980 (home)	0-6 1988 (away)
Syd. Croatia	3 0 2 1 2 3	4 1 1 2 6 8	N/A	N/A	7 1 3 3 8 11	3-2 1987 (away)	0-2 1989 (away)
Syd. Olympic	10 5 2 3 16 11	9 3 0 6 9 13	2 1 0 1 3 2	1 1 0 0 2 0	22 10 2 10 30 26	5-0 1977 (home)	1-3 1977 & 81 (both away)
Wollongong	5 2 2 1 10 7	5 1 0 4 5 11	N/A	N/A	10 3 2 5 15 18	3-0 1982 (home)	1-4 1981 (away)
S.George Cross	6 1 5 0 5 3	6 4 1 1 7 4	N/A	4 2 1 1 7 2	16 7 7 2 19 9	4-0 1989 (cup)	0-2 1986 (away)

MELBOURNE CROATIA

Games decided on penalties have been shown as draws.

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APIA	3 1 0 2 1 2	3 1 1 1 6 7	N/A	N/A	6 2 1 3 7 9	4-3 1989 (away)	1-3 1988 (away)
Blacktown	1 1 0 0 6 0	1 1 0 0 3 1	N/A	N/A	2 2 0 0 9 1	6-0 1989 (home)	N/A
Marconi	3 1 0 2 1 6	3 1 1 1 3 3	N/A	N/A	6 2 1 3 4 9	1-0 1987 (home & away)	0-4 1989 (home)
Preston M'a	7 5 1 1 11 6	6 1 1 4 8 12	2 1 0 1 3 2	1 1 0 0 2 1	16 8 2 6 24 21	4-1 1988 (away)	0-3 1989 (away)
Sth Melbourne	6 1 1 4 5 10	7 2 1 4 8 9	1 0 0 1 2 3	N/A	14 3 2 9 15 22	4-0 1989 (away)	0-3 1984 (away)
St George	3 2 1 0 5 3	3 1 2 0 5 3	N/A	N/A	6 3 3 0 10 6	2-0 1987 (away)	N/A
S.George Cross	6 2 3 1 7 6	6 2 2 2 5 4	N/A	1 0 0 1 0 2	13 4 5 4 12 12	2-0 1984 (home) & 85 (away)	0-2 1985 (cup) & 88 (away) & 89 (home)
Syd. Croatia	3 1 2 0 4 2	3 0 1 2 2 9	N/A	N/A	6 1 3 2 6 11	3-1 1987 (home)	1-6 1987 (away)
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Heidelberg	6 2 1 3 5 8	5 4 0 1 11 6	2 1 0 1 3 4	4 1 0 3 5 10	17 8 1 8 24 28	4-0 1989 (home)	0-5 1987 (cup)
Melb. Just	6 3 0 3 8 5	6 1 3 2 3 6	N/A	1 1 0 0 1 0	13 5 3 5 12 11	3-1 1984 (home)	0-3 1986 (away)

Greg Blake hands out some awards of his own

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They came to save the world at JUST this season, father Ilija as coach and son Milan as super-striker.

Son Milan failed to become the feared goal-ace the press predicted he would (3 goals in 9 games) and

THE BEST AND WORST TRANSFERS: Mehmet Durakovic's loan move from Brunswick Juventus to Melbourne JUST was the transfer coup of the year.

Durakovic was simply brilliant in a fairly pedestrian JUST team and eventual relegation did nothing to detract from his performances.

Ivanovich turned Adelaide's season around and like Adzic, is in a class of his own.

THE HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN IN PICTURES AWARD: Goes to the most entertaining goalkeeper in the land, Tony Pezzano.

Sure, the veteran is still a great keeper but I'd just watch him for his animated on-field

spite a brave bid for survival through private ownership and a hefty injection of funds.

The dreams of the new owners turned to nightmares when the club was relegated for the first time.

As for the new money-spinning social club — it still hasn't opened and the only money spinning is the cash going down the gurgler.

THE BIGGEST FALL FROM GRACE: Was shared by South Melbourne Hellas and Sydney Croatia.

Hellas was flavour of the month this time last year as it captured the imagination of the public and proudly flew the Melbourne banner in the finals.

This year, the wheels didn't just fall off, the gear stick broke, the steering column came loose and everything that could go wrong, did.

Sydney Croatia was like the boy who fell out of the boat — just not in it, despite a promising start.

Last year's beaten grand final team was the disappointment of the season.

"Honorable" mention goes to Heidelberg for its fleeting and regrettable return to NSL ranks.

CHOCOLATES TO BOILED LOLLIES AWARD: Goes to former South Melbourne boss Brian Garvey.

Harvey, Victoria's coach of the year in 1988, is now out of a job which proves just how fickle this game can be.

NUMERO UNO AWARD: Goes to Zlatko Nasteovski for

his match-winning efforts for Marconi this year.

He was the best player in the NSL, of that there can be no doubt and for the first time in recent history not a single person disputed his winning of the Player of the Year award.

Nasteovski is a living example of grey-power.

THE SADDEST MOMENT OF THE YEAR: Was the Aussies' exit from World Cup finals contention thanks to one stinker of a bad game against the wretched Kiwis.

The Socceroos haven't played as poor a game since the halcyon days of the maniacal Rudi Gutendorf.

Some were and still are out to gun down Socceroo boss Frank Arok after that one dreadful slip-up but fearless Frank got a little of his own back by guiding much-maligned St George into the finals.

BEST SOCCER COVERAGE: To ASW, of course!!!



TOP — FRANK AROK: a rare slip-up with the Socceroos. BELOW — TONY PEZZANO: in line for an Oscar?



GRAHAM ARNOLD (left) — his Sydney Croatia flopped dismally last season. Arnold, who chose to stay at the club, will be the team's captain in 1989/90.

was promptly punt-kicked to Adelaide City where he went on to fame and fortune with five games for no goals at all.

Dimoski Senior coached JUST to five defeats in the first eight games and was also sent packing.

THE WE TOLD YOU SO AWARD: ASW said three years

Milan Dimoski, who didn't even come close to setting the world on fire at either JUST or Adelaide City, was the greatest disappointment of the season.

BEST NSL ROOKIES: Were certainly Melbourne Croatia's Zejlko Adzic and Adelaide City's Milan Ivanovich.

Adzic has convinced

antics.

Pezzano keeps the home crowds in stitches and away crowds on his back for 90 minutes and if popularity is judged by crowd reaction, Pezzano is Numero Uno.

Put his highlights on home video and keep the kids amused for hours.

Honorary mention must go to Melbourne Croatia's Francis Awaritefe for his now traditional goalscoring rap dance.

His joy at hitting the back of the net is infectious.

BEST TEAM TO MISS THE FINALS: Must have been an Adelaide City team which, according to popular opinion, still plays the best brand of soccer in the NSL.

A dismal run of four successive defeats to start the year always had City behind the eight-ball and yet it fought back with style and should have been a play-off team.

Adelaide richly deserved its 'consolation' cup win.

BEST TEAM TO MISS A TROPHY: Was a richly talented Sydney Olympic which found a cup final and grand final in the space of one week just too much to handle.

THE BEST SOAP OPERA: Was won hands down by Melbourne JUST for its effort in managing to maintain its tag as a perennial failure de-



FRANCIS AWARITEFE: rap dancer of the year award?

ago that the final five system was the way to go for the NSL.

Record finals crowds last year and more records broken in 1989 means that ASW can say without fear of contradiction that we were right.

me that he is in the best five players to hit these shores in a decade.

The former Hamilton Steeler has it all. He's fast, fit, skilled and courageous and in form, is one of the best I've seen in the NSL.

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ANDY KOCZKA

SYDNEY OLYMPIC is believed to have targetted Canberra Croatia striker MARKO PERINOVIC in their quest to replace Alistair Edwards.

Perinovic only scored seven goals in NSW State League in the season just closed.

However, he spent most of the season as a midfielder, and his potential in front of goal was not tapped.

PETER KATHOLOS, the capable Marconi midfielder, is on tenterhooks, as he and his wife are expecting the birth of their first child shortly.

THE NSW Soccer Federation examined a set of tapes received from FIFA before issuing their edict on cleaning up play.

The tapes specially dealt with encroachment of players in the penalty area at the taking of penalty kicks, as well as too often practiced moving of a goalkeeper off his line before a penalty kick is taken.

ST GEORGE and rising Soccerroo defender ANDY KOCZKA is in a hurry to get back into play, but his doctor's orders have been quite explicit.

It seemed originally that the effect of four lower back stress fractures was that he would miss the entire 1989/90 NSL season.

The medical advice was to keep fit by running in water, swimming, cycling and weight lifting, and that he might have to miss the whole season.

"Things are looking a deal brighter. However there is virtually no chance that I will be right after Christmas.

"The best I can hope for will be to play again in February, but fortunately that will leave me four months football before the season ends," Koczka said.

Soccer in the NSW Catholic schools system has received some big boosts over the past two seasons.

First came the Com-

monwealth Bank under 15 Turner Cup win by country school, St Peters Maitland.

Now the NSW Catholic Colleges have become the winner of the NSW All Schools tournament for the first time, beating off challenges from the NSW Combined High Schools and the NSW Independent Schools.

Ten CCC players have won inclusion in the NSW All Schools train on squad for its coming tour of Argentina and Chile.

Schools, clubs, local associations and other organisations are asked to help the boys with their fund raising.

Each youngster has to collect \$3500 to take his place in the tour party — no small feat.

ASW wishes all the boys well in the huge task they have on hand to raise the money and go on this fabulous football tour.

In the past there have been highly successful tours, particularly to the United Kingdom, and also to New Zealand.

NEWCASTLE AUSTRAL has set down its 1989 Presentation Night for Saturday October 31, commencing at 7pm.

Club secretary DAVID MCQUIRE says that all attending are guaranteed a very enjoyable night.

Well known as a former Apia and South Coast goalkeeper, accountant McQuire is also retained by the St George Budapest Soccer Club to oversee their financial affairs.

NESTOR MENESES was assistant to Michael Urukalo at Apia Leichhardt during the past season.

He has taken the position of coach of Spain in the current Sydney Ethnic Cup, and hopes to be selected as Apia's youth team coach for the coming season.

ONE NSL official, whose club has the enviable record of invariably paying its players correctly and on time, said that such a reputation did not stand them in such good stead with some players.

"Many become so

accustomed to waiting that they don't seem to know the difference," he added.

Here's hoping that 1989/90 brings some welcome improvements in this department!

THE proposed tour by Torpedo Moscow is taking shape.

Special landing rights have been secured for their Aeroflot flight, which is due to arrive on Monday January 15.

Being planned are games against the Soccerroos in Sydney and Melbourne, another in Newcastle, against NSW in either Wollongong, Bathurst or Orange, and against South Australia in Adelaide.

The Russians will not be appearing in Brisbane, due to the economics of the trip north.

Torpedo is due to fly out on Tuesday February 6.

Match dates are to be threaded into the NSL fixture list requirements.



FORMER South Australian women's representative MOYNA DODD is now working in Sydney, and has become a regular NSW star.

She is also a member of the Australian women's squad.

STEVE GOJEVIC has officially signed for Sydney Croatia, who paid Heidelberg \$12,000 for the gifted midfielder.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA will be playing their 1989/90 NSL matches at Connor Reserve.

Makedonia were forced off the ground for the past season after complaints by residents about parking on match days.

The club and Preston Council now have agreed to turn one of the club's training

pitches in a carpark.

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS are hopeful of securing another sponsorship deal, negotiated by the club's new president, Terry Muscat.

The club started pre-season training last week under new coach Ernie Merrick and have their sights set on four new players, including Adelaide City's David Clarkson.

PAST and present Soccerroos have learnt about life on the other side of the touchline at a level two coaching course run at the Australian Institute of Sport.

Among those on the course have been Soccerroo goalkeeper Jeff Olver, Gerry Gomez and Warren Spink, as well as Canberra Croatia captain George Kulscar.

AIS coach Ron Smith said the week had also been used to acquaint the players with the institute's program.

"Some, of course, know it only too well, having been through it themselves, but even these people have been surprised at the changes since they were here," Smith said.

The course has been funded through the ANZ National Sports Program.

ADELAIDE CITY are negotiating to secure Soccerroo striker Joe Palatsides from Brunswick Juventus. Palatsides, 24, has agreed to come to Adelaide to train with the club this



Mrs Jennifer Looman-Watling, Publicity Director of SBS Television, has announced the engagement of her only daughter, Ingrid, to Tony Panopoulos, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Christos Panopoulos of Bankstown. The couple who will marry in May, 1990, celebrated their engagement at a small family gathering at Mrs Looman-Watling's Naremburn home.

weekend. And City are expected to also announce this week the name of another prospective interstate recruit for the summer league season.

BRUNSWICK Juventus have appointed former assistant coach Billy Rogers as coach to succeed Manfred Schaefer, who left Melbourne this week to take over at Apia Leichhardt.

BLACKTOWN CITY coach Les Scheinflug has returned from a scouting mission to Western Australia

where he signed an Australian under 19 international.

JOHN LEMBRYK's wife Robyn is expecting their first child this week. John, a former NSW State League and indoor player, is the brother of Kim Lembryk, the women's indoor soccer league's goalscoring machine.

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Alistair Edwards, at right, hits one of his screamers. The former Sydney Olympic striker is now trialling in England. Photo: HECTOR CARRASCO



Premier Nick Greiner meets the new Sydney Croatia club officials. Pictured l to r are: NSL liaison officer Michael Komadina, senior vice president Slavko Bradvica, Mr Greiner and newly elected Croatia president, Frank Busic.

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Andy Ogden voted player of the year in Queensland

QUEENSLAND soccer's inaugural gold medal winner, Coalstars' Andy Ogden, will be among the stars in action in a testimonial game for his brother John at Richlands this Friday (October 6).

Andy has been included in the Queensland Soccer Press Association team, which was also named at the gala medal function at Perry Park last week, to play Lions in the testimonial game.

The pairing of the grand final team and the ASPA side is certain to attract a well-deserved bumper crowd for John Ogden, a former State representative and a Lions player for 15 years.

While John will be the centre of attention on Friday, the spotlight was on younger brother Andy at the gold medal presentation at Soccer headquarters.

With the Australian Soccer Federation's decision to link with the non-smoking body costing the State Federations their Rothmans medal, there was much trepidation in Queensland when the QSF opted to stage a similar event of their own. But the Federation, and in particular those responsible for organising the function, deserve the highest praise.

The night was every bit as successful as past Rothmans medal presentations with the QSF's computer scoreboard being ranked by many as more informative and easier to read than any used by Rothmans in the past.

Ogden clinched the gold medal with a record haul of points in an exciting vote count.

The busy 27-year-old midfielder polled 29 votes to win by seven from Brisbane City midfielder Lee Howells and Taringa Rovers midfielder Mark Bennett.

Widely-tipped favourite, City captain Frank Pimblett, finished fourth with 20 points.

Ogden's total bettered the previous Rothmans Medal best of 28 points collected by Ian Steele in 1982, then a striker with Mount Gravatt.

Ogden, who was voted Players' Player of the Year two seasons ago, was judged by referees as best afield in six of the 22 fixtures and curiously in the home and away ties against Grange Thistle and Rochdale.

He collected three points in Round Three (3-1 v Redlands), Round

Five (0-0 v Thistle), Round Six 20 (1-2 v Taringa), Round Nine (0-0 v Rochdale), Round 16 (1-0 v Thistle) and Round 20 (1-2 v Rochdale).

Ogden was one of the most emotional winners in many seasons, which undoubtedly proved that although the medal did not carry the Rothmans logo its prestige was still undisputed.

"It's the greatest moment in my career", he said. "I didn't think I had a chance until the final round of votes. I knew then that I was far enough ahead that someone would have had to play brilliantly to catch me."

Ogden's win made it a hat-trick of medallists at Coalstars, his player-coach Mark Brusasco won the medal in 1981 (although then with Easts), while veteran fullback Kevin Caldwell won the inaugural Rothmans in 1974.

Although Pimblett had been ranked a hot favourite, the medal tally was always a race in three between Ogden, Bennett and Howells.

After six rounds, Bennett led the trio with 11 points, two ahead of Ogden, and remained two ahead of Howells and three in front of

Ogden after 11 rounds. But the Coalstars workhorse skipped away in rounds 12-19 to be four clear of Ogden and seven ahead of Bennett with three rounds to be revealed.

A record also was set when 111 votes were ruled ineligible because of send-offs. The total included double-figure tallies by three players.

The team of the year as selected by the Queensland Soccer Press Association was: Stu Woodruffe (Mount Gravatt), David Hunter (Lions), Shane Haddow (North Star), Steve Perry (Easts), Mark Greer (North Star), Mark Geritz (Easts), Ken Swan (North Star), Frank Pimblett (City), Ross Swan (North Star), Jim McDonagh (North Star) and Lee Scriggins.

With Hunter in the Lions team, former Lions and Ogden's friend Alan Niven, now player-coach at Mount Gravatt, will be added along with City striker Kieran Cooper, a narrow omission from the team of the year.

While Pimblett missed the gold medal he still collected three trophies during the evening. He was named the Queensland Soccer

Press Association's Player of the Year, was included in the QSPA team of the year and was presented with the COURIER-MAIL Best and Fairest award.

"It's been a great night after a superb comeback season and I would just like to thank the soccer writers who gave me such positive press throughout the season," he said.

North Star striker Lee Scriggins collected 74 votes from his peers to beat Pimblett by two votes in the players' Player of the Year award.

North Star coach Billy Williamson predictably won the ASPA Coach of the Year after guiding his team to success in the league and Ampol Cup and saw them only narrowly miss making the grand final.

Outstanding North Star teenager Shane Haddow, who played for the state at fullback this season and covered for Williamson at sweeper during his six-week suspension, was named QSFA Rookie of the Year.

Gold Coast referee Peter Hulme won the Referee of the Year, on a countback from popular Tony Slater.



Tom McGregor (Rochdale) appeals, while Alistair Pagan (Mt Gravatt) goes down.



BRISBANE Croatia Soccer Club is celebrating its 20th Anniversary and from 27th to 29th October, 1989 and will host the 15th Annual Australian Croatian Soccer Tournament at its Rocklea premises in Brisbane.

It is envisaged some 15 interstate clubs will participate, including two highly ranked full strength NSL clubs, Sydney and Melbourne Croatia, as a build up to the new summer soccer season.

The opening ceremony will be held at 9am on Friday 27th October followed by the Miss Croatia Ball to be held at 7.30pm on Saturday 28th October, with the finals taking place on Sunday 29th October.

Brisbane Croatia has one of the best soccer facilities in Queensland and the series promises to be enjoyed by all those attending.

Andy Paschalidis from SBS-TV will also be attending, and will be Master of Ceremonies for the Miss Croatia Ball.

Other local television networks will also cover the tournament.

Further details are readily available from Joe Penc on (07) 345 5124.

Challenge Match

XXXX League premiers North Star will get the chance this month to finish the season on a winning note after crashing out in the preliminary final.

The form team of the league this season, who won the Ampol Cup, President's Cup and the premiership, has agreed to play a challenge match against Gold Coast competition champions, Southport.

The two well-credentialled teams will meet at Ashmore on Saturday, October 14.

North Star's side includes six players named in the Queensland Soccer Press Association's team of the year last week while Southport's stars include New Zealand international Paul Hal-

ford, and fellow state squad members Raphael Underwood and John Denham.

The inaugural challenge match proposed by the Gold Coast and Albert Soccer Association, has been sanctioned by the QSF — but only after a name change. The Gold Coast wanted to bill the game as the "Queensland Club Championship", but the QSF management committee ruled it was not a true statewide club competition.

It has approved the match on the provision it be promoted only as an intercity club challenge.

North Star player-coach Billy Williamson said the game was a chance for his team to finish the season on a winning note after their 2-1 preliminary final loss to Easts.

Liddell to rebuild

THE rebuilding of Brisbane Lions will continue next season following the reappointment of Frank Liddell as coach.

Liddell, who a month ago asked the club for a commitment for 1990 to allow him to begin searching for new players, was reappointed in the run in to last week's grand final.

The timely announcement ended widespread speculation that Lions had to beat Easts for Liddell to keep his job.

Lions secretary Lawrence Oudendyk said the club board had no hesitation reappointing the former Queensland captain at a season review meeting. "The question of a possible replacement was never discussed," he said.

"Despite injuries to seven key players, we won the club championship, were second in the league, made the cup final and were in the grand final. If any club other than Lions had achieved

that, they would be delighted."

Liddell said the rebuilding he had started this season would continue next year.

"I understand a few of our older players might be moving on and we have a host of youngsters knocking on the door for first team places," Liddell said. "During the off-season I will be continuing to look for quality young players to ensure continued success at Richlands."

"The players at the club have served Lions very well and made the club the strongest in the state. But that era is drawing to a close and it is vital for us to strengthen our reserves ranks and have a new breed of keen youngsters hungry for first team spots."

Liddell's acquisitions this season certainly came to the fore in times of needs. He brought youngsters Chris Slater, Kevin Tatton and Jeff Lombardo to the club and all played first team.

The strength at Lions remains undis-

puted. Despite having seven key players out injured throughout the season, Lions still made the grand final and had five players bidding for the four reserves spots on the teamsheet.

Easts in upset Grand Final win

AGELESS Steve Perry emerged the undisputed hero as Eastern Suburbs staged an upset to beat Lions 3-2 in extra-time in the XXXX League Grand Final at Perry Park last Sunday.

The 34-year-old former Soccerroo was a popular man of the match after guiding the Tigers to a dramatic victory.

Playing at sweeper, Perry superbly marshalled the Easts side against a Lions team which played in patches and well below the devastating form they had shown in the major semi-final victory over premiers North Star.

The victory capped an amazing run for Easts, who dedicated the win to long-serving coach

John Sime, who will be leaving the club after six years.

Easts suggested an upset would be on the cards as early as the 11th minute when Wayne Corbett ghosted at the far post to volley onto the Lions crossbar.

Brendan Eastwell made a strong run down the right and centred to Russell Stewart who switched to Brett Druery on the left flank. Druery attacked the near post, then pinned a ball for the unmarked John Lowy to head into the Easts net in the 38th minute.

Easts scored the equaliser with seconds remaining before half-time.

Colin Phelan found Bill McDermott on the left and the skilled

attacking midfielder dribbled into the box before drilling an unstoppable shot between Rob Farrow and the near-post.

Lions took the lead 14 minutes into the second half with a penalty after Arno Bertogna was pushed on a corner. Stewart curled his shot into the top left hand corner.

The character in the Easts side came to the fore just three minutes later. From a Phelan corner, Paul Petersson laid to McDermott, and the clever striker spun from five metres to scoop a shot past Farrow.

It took an error in the time-on period to break the deadlock.

Substitute Tony Kane, skilfully turned Lions fullback Jeff

Lombard, burst down the right and hit an awkward, looping low cross into the Lions goal-mouth.

Farrow dived and appeared to have the ball, but he lost it and that was all that goal poacher Wayne Corbett needed to bury a winner for the Tigers.

The win was a perfect swansong for Sime. "We did our homework on Lions and deserved to win," he said.

In the Second Division Grand Final, Ipswich United atoned for failing to win promotion back to the XXXX League when they beat premiers Acacia Ridge 2-1.

In Division Three, Goodna won the Grand Final with a 1-0 win over premiers St Albans.

Adelaide Hellas win promotion play-off

BY VLADO VLAHOVIC

ADELAIDE Hellas regained its NSL status after three years' absence when it defeated Victorian champions Morwell Falcons at Latrobe Valley last Sunday.

Latrobe Valley was buzzing with anticipation all of last week as its soccer heroes needed a two-goal victory after losing 1-0 in Adelaide last Wednesday in front of 8,500 happy Hellas fans, to complete its meteoric rise to the top.

Local television was there — a first — and the Valley's largest-ever crowd at a soccer match — about 4,000 — gathered at the Crinigan Road ground hoping for a soccer dream to come true.

But the South Aussie champions put the country side behind 'the eight ball' after only four minutes.

Falcons' defender Roy Walsh handled just outside the area and Alby Kidd smashed the free-kick through the wall and into the corner of the net.

To Morwell's credit, it never gave in and the game panned out to be a classic encounter with no shortage of excitement at both ends of the park.

Falcons' international New Zealand striker Billy Wright had two chances to equalise before half-time but he blew them when he only had the 'keeper to beat ... opportunities he normally buries.

Irish striking sensation Ron Manley was also having an off-day as he couldn't break the

shackles of his marker and this perhaps was Morwell's unfortunate omen.

Wright managed to save some face early in the second half when he slammed home a close-range equaliser but his earlier misses will not escape his thoughts so easily.

Morwell gained momentum and really started to pour the pressure on, but as it so often happens, a team committed to attack remains vulnerable in defence.

West Adelaide made it 2-1 from a counter attack which was completed by striker L Vatsilas after rounding 'keeper Dave Reynolds.

Not long after, West Adelaide increased its lead from a similar



Alby Kidd situation. Raymond Blair outpaced his marker, Jeff Doyle, and chipped 'keeper Reynolds for a well-executed goal.

However, Morwell scored again when Nelson was pushed in the area after a corner and Jeff Doyle stepped up to convert the spot kick.

Morwell pushed

ahead in desperate fashion but this worked against them when midfielder Jim McBride was sent off for a late tackle on Kidd in the 77th minute.

It certainly wasn't Morwell Falcons' day and with only a few minutes remaining its misery was complete when

Brendon Hiern made it 4-2 from another break-away move.

MORWELL FALCONS: Reynolds, Bingham, Walsh, Doyle, Bruns, McBride (sent off 77'), Nelson, Cassar, Wright, Byrne, Manly.

West Adelaide: Miller, Watkins, Barnett, Doak, Maricic, Brazzale (Mills 40'), Kidd, Hiern, Blair, Vatsilas, Konstandopoulos.
Crowd: 4,000.

Juventus appeal rejected by VSF

MORWELL Falcons finally won the right to meet Adelaide Hellas in the NSL play-offs when the Victorian Soccer Federation rejected an appeal by Juventus last Tuesday — a mere 24 hours before the first leg in Adelaide.

Juventus would have won the State League championship and qualified for the promotion playoff had its appeal been successful.

But the Victorian Soccer Federation appeals board rejected a Juventus claim that its loss to Northcote on September 16 should be reversed because Northcote player Martin Woodall should have been serving a suspension for excessive cautions.

The VSF sent Northcote two letters — the first advising that Woodall should serve a suspension on September 16 and the second saying he should served it on September 23.

The VSF tribunal, which met last Monday week, found that no rationale for changing suspension dates was laid down in the Federation's rules and that Woodall was not an ineligible player against Juventus because his club had received notification varying the suspension date.

The appeals board found that Woodall should have served a suspension against St Albans on September 9 — the weekend after the VSF notified the club that a suspension was imminent.

He was therefore an ineligible player against St Albans, but not against Juventus on September 16.

But the appeals board said that the Federation's practice of allowing players to serve suspensions later than the weekend immediately after the third caution was not supported by the resolutions.

These should be varied to legalise the practice, the board said.

St Albans in final

ST ALBANS outplayed league runner-up Brunswick Juventus to the tune of 3-0 to reach the State League cup final to be played at Olympic Park on October 11.

St Albans will face the winner of the other semi-final clash between Morwell Falcons and Croydon City whilst Juventus meets the loser in a play-off for third place.

Velimir Kupresak set up the first goal after a run down the left which ended with Jure Eres finding the back of the net in the 25th minute.

St Albans had scored

the opening goal after withstanding an aggressive first 10 minutes by Juventus but it didn't take long for St Albans to increase its lead, this time it was Dennis Morovic's turn to strike with a shot that ricocheted off the foot of the Juventus 'keeper as well as the crossbar before nestling in the back of the net.

Morovic went on to miss two open goals but near the end was pushed in the back by Juventus 'keeper Laumets to earn his side a penalty, which sweeper Bozic converted to make it a convincing 3-0 scoreline.

— VLADO VLAHOVIC



Richard Preston (Adelaide Hellas) outjumps two FC Lion defenders as his club wins the 1989 West End Cup at Hindmarsh Stadium. — JANUSZ KAMMA

PERSONALITY PLAYER



DEAN ANASTASIADIS (Heidelberg United)

NAME: Dean Anastasiadis
POSITION: Goalkeeper
HEIGHT: 1.82m
WEIGHT: 84 kilos
MARITAL STATUS: Single
BIRTHPLACE: Melbourne
DATE OF BIRTH: 6.6.70.
HOME SUBURB: Tullamarine
OCCUPATION: Draughtsman
PREVIOUS CLUB: Meadow Park Juniors
NICKNAME: "Chris Woods"
CAR: BMW 528
FAVOURITE FOOD: Lasagna
FAVOURITE MUSIC: Top 40
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: LA Law
FAVOURITE POSITION: Goalkeeper
FAVOURITE GROUND: Olympic Park
FAVOURITE LOCAL PLAYER: Paul Trimboli
SUPERSTITIONS: I must carry a ball when coming out of the dressing room.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Against the State side Penang during Heidelberg's tour of Malaysia when I saved a penalty.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing to Preston this year at Olympic Park.
WORST INJURY: None, touch wood.
HARDEST OPPONENT: Alan Scott.
MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATE: Michael Chatzitrifonas (goalkeeper).
AMBITIONS: To play for Australia and to be healthy and happy.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: John my brother, now playing in Greece.
FAVOURITE OVERSEAS PLAYER: Joel Bats and Marco Van Basten.
PERSONS YOU'D MOST LIKE TO MEET: Elle McPherson.

— compiled by John Economos



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THE ULTIMATE XMAS GIFT

NSW Second Division Teams of the Year

BY PAUL GOODWIN

THE coaches have had their thinking caps on and have picked a team from the playing resources available at every other club outside their own.



LEON ARCOSA (Sydney Macedonia)

It is now time to announce a final selection based on all the votes cast by the team bosses.

Some players were chosen almost unanimously, while for others, where voting was close, coaches' reserve selections were referred to in order to separate the players tied on points.

The final team is:

Antoine Avellino (Campbelltown Vikings), Greg Eager (Fairy Meadow), Kevin Gaffney (Dulwich Hill), Billy Pilovski (Macedonia), Mark Reveley (Macedonia), Jorge Fernandez (Macedonia), Leon Arcosa (Macedonia), Richard Lloyd (Fairy Meadow), Dennis Duarte (Granville-Chile), Fabian Kadric (Macedonia), Glenn Jeffery (North Shore United).

Reserves: Goalkeeper: Rosario Pinto (Yugal), Defender: Peter Willis (Fairy Meadow), Midfielder: Gary Hatton (Fairy Meadow). Striker: Scott Gilbert (Macedonia).

Australian Soccer Weekly has also taken the opportunity to select its own team based on its numerous visits to grounds throughout the year.

These selections have of course, not been included in the overall assessment, which was solely the coaches' privilege.



PETER WILLIS (Fairy Meadow)

Our team is: Julio Lobos (Granville-Chile), Kevin Gaffney (Dulwich Hill), Ian Gillan (Dulwich Hill), Billy Pilovski (Macedonia), Peter Norman (North Shore United), Zaja Jabrael (Dulwich Hill), Richard Lloyd (Fairy Meadow), Carlos Donoso (Granville-Chile), Dennis Duarte (Granville-Chile), Glenn Jeffery (North Shore United), Zoran Beluzic (Yugal).

Reserve: Goalkeeper: John Filan (Macedonia), Defender: Ray Eldridge (Gladesville-Hornsby), Midfielder: Ian Wotherspoon (Campbelltown Vikings), Striker: Scott Gilbert (Macedonia).

Plenty of room for debate there during the off season!

In the weeks ahead a full review on a club by club basis, but, next week, an overall picture of how we saw the waterlogged 1989 season.



Bob Tarling, Canberra City Soccer Club treasurer, makes the \$500 presentation to Northern Territory's David Smith. Watching is club president, Neal Hummel.

Canberra City Soccer Club is a club with a heart

THE Canberra City Club recently came to the rescue of the Northern Territory womens team.

After a 55 hours ordeal driving all the way from the Northern Territory to the ACT for the Australian Women's Championships, their motel rooms were raided by burglars. Money, clothing and personal belongings had been stolen.

The board and management of The City Club, which sponsors Canberra City Concordia in the ACT 1 Division, heard about it and spontaneously offered to come to the party and help.

At a special end of the season function, the City Club invited the Northern Territory team and supporters along.

Treasurer Bob Tarling handed over \$500 in cash to the Northern Territory representative, Mr David Smith.

Mr Smith said that the entire squad was very touched by the club's action and thanked it for their generosity and the excellent food provided as well.

He also extended a welcome to any club member should they ever come to the Northern Territory.

NSW FAIR PLAY PROGRAM STATE LEAGUE

1ST DIVISION

	YC	RC	PTS
Canberra Croatia	56	5	61
Rockdale Ilinden	64	0	64
Polonia	68	0	68
Warringah Freshwater	48	20	68
Wollongong Macedonia	62	10	72
Melita Eagles	62	15	77
Sutherland Shire	68	15	83
Inter Monaro	88	10	98
Newcastle Austral	88	15	103
Uruguay Penrith	78	25	103
Avala	96	25	121
Canterbury M'ville	104	20	124

2ND DIVISION

	YC	RC	PTS
Bathurst '75	24	5	29
Orange Waratah	34	10	44
Bankstown	42	5	47
Gladesville Hornsby	40	10	50
Fairy Meadow	70	5	55
Sydney Macedonia	72	5	77
Campbelltown Vikings	64	15	79
North Shore United	64	15	79
Mt Druitt Town	60	20	80
Manly Warringah	74	20	94
Dulwich Hill	70	25	95
Waverley	66	30	96
SSC Yugal	90	15	105
Granville Chile	100	20	120

3RD DIVISION

	YC	RC	PTS
Rooty Hill/West Utd	26	0	26
Port Hacking	46	0	46
Canterbury & Dist	44	5	49
Central Coast	44	5	49
Southern Districts	52	0	52
Moorebank L'pool	50	5	55
Concordia	64	0	64
Blacktown United	60	5	65
Hill United	62	5	67
Mt Pritchard	56	15	71
Rosebery Portugal	54	20	74
Uni of NSW	58	30	88

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP 1989 FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
South Queensland	6	4	1	0	16	2	9
Victoria	6	4	1	1	12	1	9
NSW	6	3	2	1	5	2	8
South Australia	6	3	2	1	5	2	8
Western Australia	6	4	0	2	6	12	8
ACT	6	3	0	3	4	4	6
Northern NSW	6	2	0	4	5	7	4
Tasmania	6	0	1	5	2	13	1
Northern Territory	6	0	1	5	2	14	1

Guesting no joy for Ingham

SEAN Ingham has cause to remember July 12, 1989 for the rest of his days.

It was on that day when his football career came to an abrupt halt, and brought him to much discomfort and pain that he is likely to be hobbling around on crutches for another month.

And, all because he accepted an invitation to be part of his former club's centenary celebrations.

Sean, who had been on loan from Sydney Croatia to Wollongong City, agreed to join the Adamstown Rosebud team as a guest player for the exhibition game against an Australian team at the Adamstown Sports Ground on July 12.

It's now history that Adamstown celebrated a victory that night. But, following the goalmouth melee that resulted in Adamstown's early goal, Sean Ingham was carried off the field suffering from what was later diagnosed as a snapped cruciate ligament in his left knee.

Accepting specialist advice, he has had the damage repaired surgically. But, it will be some time before he will be able to move freely and he is almost certain to miss the 1990 season.

After that, his admirers will be anticipating his return to the form that saw him carve up many a National League team's defence with his acceleration and finishing ability.

WHAT GRAND FINAL?

BY GRAHAM COOKE

CANBERRA Croatia slipped quietly out of the ACT recently to play its final match of the season — a fixture which could not demonstrate more clearly Australian soccer's frustrating propensity to shoot itself in the foot.

The game with Melita Eagles at the Melita Stadium was billed as the grand final of the NSW Soccer League, yet the winner took home nothing other than a trophy and some fond memories.

It was not a match to decide the premiership and victory did not, in itself, entitle the winner to a place in the National League.

The match is the result of the schizophrenia which pervades the code.

On the one hand are those who believe in the European example of declaring the leading club at the end of the home-and-away rounds the champion and finishing the season there, on the other the supporters of the Australian way of minor premiers, finals and grand finals.

The result in the NSW League is a distorted hybrid.

Melita Eagles were already the league champions, Melita Eagles had the glory and NSL promotion, but the top four teams still had to contest a knock-out competition which meant precisely nothing.

All that the game did was highlight the disparity of support and interest between soccer and rugby league, with the Canberra Raiders riding through the Winfield Premiership grand final on a wave of lime green hysteria the following day.

It would have been thus anyway, but at least Croatia would have had some basis on which to defend itself if it could have pointed to its match as being a bit more than a kick around in the spring sunshine.

Two years ago I applauded the decision of the NSL to make its champion the grand final winner.

I did so not because I believe it to be a fairest way of winning a title — it demonstrably isn't — but because it is the Australian way. We live in Australia and if soccer is ever to gain wide support from native-born Australians it must begin to act like a sporting citizen of this country.

I urge the NSW State League authorities to change the format of their competition from next season and make the finals series worthy of the name by declaring its winner the premier and the league's NSL candidate.

Then perhaps we can hold our heads a little higher and look forward to a grand final which will be something more than it is now — an embarrassment to the clubs taking part and to the code in general.

Canberra Croatia award

GARRY Van Der Plaet, of Canberra City Concordia, is this year's winner of the ACT Soccer Federation Player of the Year medal.

The award was announced on Saturday by ACTSF president Charles Perkins at the annual presenta-

tion night.

"I was surprised by the result," Van Der Plaet said, "the competition was tough with some very experienced players who were contesting the medal."

Van Der Plaet is a young player in his first year of Division 1 football.

He was discovered playing in Cooma by Canberra City Concordia coach Herb Klemperer.

Last season he was successful in the Second Division. In the first eight rounds of the 1989 season he was the league's top scorer.

PICK OF THE POST

NSW State League

FOR the last three years NSW State League soccer has been completely ignored by the media.

There are times, whether it's the Friday evening paper or the two morning dailies on Saturday, that they do not even include it in their hard to see column "What's on in Sport" columns.

Occasionally their memory lapses and you may see some of the results on Monday morning, if you're lucky.

Everyone is aware that the State League lost its lustre when the big guns were promoted to the National League, but surely they deserve more than 'One solitary line' at least on Monday morning or in the Monday evening paper.

Oh yes, perhaps occasionally if you happen to have your magnifying glass with you the results may be spotted.

The non-existence of any information on State League is a total disgrace.

Only for your good coverage no one would be aware of who won the league, who is to be relegated or who is to be promoted.

Perhaps the clubs are at fault, but to be completely ignored is disgraceful.

I suppose the good days of the State League finished a few years ago.

Please keep up your good work and efforts.

Nicholas Garvinski
Arncliffe 2205

Elaine Watson steps down from the AWSA presidency

FROM GRAHAM COOKE

ELAINE Watson, the driving force behind Australian women's soccer for more than a decade, has stepped down from her position as AWSA president.

Apart from one year she has held the office since 1977, overseeing the growth of the game both on and off the field, but her involvement goes back much further.

"As with many other people, I first got into soccer through my children," Queensland Watson said during the national championships in Canberra.

"But my husband, Arthur, and myself were hockey people in our early years.

"I progressed through club administration to the Brisbane junior executive which in the early 1970s was also responsible for the running of women's soccer.

"In 1974 the first national championships were held in Sydney and as I was one of two women then on the junior executive, I was asked to handle Queensland's entry.

"I had six weeks to select a team and get it into shape.

"I enjoyed the experience and was happy to continue the work back in Brisbane."

A meeting at that first competition had also agreed to form the Australian Women's Soccer Association. Watson was its first vice-president, moving to the president's position three years later.

She gave the AWSA its constitution, overseeing subsequent revisions as the association grew both in numbers and the scope of its activities.

It was she who introduced the idea of a management committee meeting early in the year to deal with contentious issues, so leaving the national championships clear for the annual meeting and the playing of soccer.

"I believe it has improved the atmosphere both on and off the field," she said.

She was temporarily ousted at the 1984 annual meeting.

It might have been enough for many people, but Watson does not lack fighting spirit and a year later regained the presidency.

Almost at once she was plunged into a confrontation with NSW which began



Elaine Watson — no longer AWSA president, but remains as director of finance.

when five players from the state withdrew from the national squad on the eve of an Oceania Cup campaign.

The dispute lasted more than a year and the wounds have only just begun to heal.

So why is she leaving now, when things are at least running smoothly both on and off the field?

"For a start I realise I am a strong personality and that strong personalities tend to stifle those around them if they stay too long.

"My children are

grown up and I have the feeling I do not need to please anyone except myself any more.

"The responsibility of this office is such that I feel I need a spell."

But it will be far from a complete retirement.

She has accepted the position of director of finance and says the new president, Dennis O'Brien, also from Queensland, can count on her for advice and assistance whenever he needs it.

She sees women's soccer, in common with many other sports, adopting a more professional approach to its administration as the day of the volunteer passes.

And there is the challenge of marketing the sport in a way which will attract sponsorship.

SLATER TRIP

ROBBIE SLATER paid Sydney a surprise visit last week to "tie up loose ends" as he told Andy Paschalidis in an exclusive interview on SBS-TV.

Slater took advantage of Anderlecht's European Cup commitments to return home.

Although he has yet to make a first team appearance for a club where every first team player is a full international, he has been scoring goals in the side's reserves.

Slater says he has been made to feel welcome by his teammates and has now been given a car and a flat.

He believes it will take him another two months to make an impression. He is hopeful of being transferred to another Belgian or French club next season if he fails to make Anderlecht's first XI.

NSW girls excel

THE NSW senior women's state team excelled themselves by gaining third place at the national titles held in Canberra, only missing out on a berth in the final by one point.

The final was won by Victoria on penalties over South Queensland after the scores were tied 1-1 after extra-time.

Congratulations are in order for Victoria in winning its second championship in the last three years.

The format of the titles leaves a lot to be desired as teams all play six games in a league format, but they do not play the same teams, which gives some teams an obvious advantage in the case of goal-differences.

The most glaring problem was that a team is in a position of deciding who it may play in a final as could have happened when Victoria defeated South Queensland 1-0 on the last day after South Queensland had been undefeated all week.

It must be stated that there is no suggestion that this actually happened. This meant that the NSW-South Australia game would have needed a big goal scoring result for either team to get into the final.



Anissa Tann

This should not be allowed to happen as it can suggest game-fixing as has been inferred even in the World Cup game between West Germany and Austria in Spain in 1982.

Why the teams could not be divided into two groups where everyone plays each other in the group and then the top two teams going into semi-finals is a mystery.

Let us hope some sanity may eventually prevail and the format is altered to reflect the importance of these titles.

The NSW team, which had been put together at the last minute, only had one training session, yet conceded only two goals and their only loss was against the ultimate winners Victoria 1-0.

The team obviously lacked experience and its biggest problem was in not having a consistent goal scorer.

One would think that whilst this was not the strongest team that could have represented NSW, it could possibly have won the title with a bit more time together as the cohesion required of a winning side was obviously not there.

Once some of the talented young players, such as L. Edmundson, T. Bartlett, L. Vandorp and N. Komorowski, are injected into the squad, plus the return of D. Carmody, the squad looks to be very healthy.



Kim Schaefer

There are also a number of talented youngsters coming through the ranks so that after NSW finishes its rebuilding it will again have an extremely powerful squad with great depth.

The fortunate thing is that there is no urgency in forcing this issue as the NSWWSF has expressed its commitment to allowing the squad time to settle itself and does not consider that winning titles is of paramount importance but wishes the rebuilding to continue in this state.

Of the players who stood out in the team, special mention must be made of stalwarts such as S. Dewar and J. Hausler, who were a tower of strength throughout.

Of the youngsters, R. Stark and A. Sherrin went well and the 14-year-old J. Hadden played quite purposefully.



DALYS CARMODY

A. Tann did not play as strongly as expected but possibly played out of position to assist the team.

From the team, A. Tann, K. Schaefer and T. Wheeler gained places in the national squad.

The best player at the titles for NSW was the sweeper, L. Brunton, who had a magnificent tournament.

However, amazingly, she was not selected in the national squad.

One does wonder where Australia is going in women's soccer if speed rather than skill becomes of primary importance in the show-piece national squad.

As England is finding on the international scene in men's soccer, skill is what wins matches in Europe and South America and if Australia intends to match itself at this level, then the skills and talents of the players must be their main asset.

The men's national teams have lately gone backwards in skills and the results speak for themselves.

The AWSA prides itself on being leaders in some areas of the soccer fraternity, so it is hoped that we do not regress.

The general standard at the championships was not overly impressive, with teams being very committed and tough but goal scoring was at a premium and skills were somewhat lacking on the park.

The standard of the teams was such that the top sides in the WSL could have won the national title and a number of the teams will have trouble in the future as there seems to be no new young players coming through.

The future of the game at the national level is somewhat in doubt unless states work on increasing their player strength.

— UWE BRACKLOW

PICK OF THE POST

Melbourne Olympics — sport or gimmick?

IF the statistics are to prove right about which sports Melbourneans follow, it seems as though that the real international sports, particularly soccer, that are played at the Olympic Games are very low in terms of priority.

The Olympic Games are after all based on international sporting competition and spirit.

This left me confused when the Melbourne Olympic Committee decided to use Melbourne's local craze, Aussie Rules, in hope to promote Melbourne's chances to host the 1996 Olympic Games.

I just pray that Melbourne is bidding for the Games in the interests of international sporting spirit rather than as a publicity gimmick to promote the city.

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EDITOR

ALL those deeply involved in soccer will be more than interested to see the outcome of this week's meetings of the Australian Soccer Federation commissioners.

There are those, of course, who expect miracles to come, even though the new administration began with a \$1 million deficit and the need to put a realistic and income-earning set of national team games in place for next June/July.

Although there is no use looking for immediate pie in the sky, it is essential that the public become aware of some beneficial and defined plans.

One point that should not be missed is that the ASF's approach to the Federation Government has borne some fruit already.

ASW understands that there is a commitment to cover the costs of the National Director of Coaching, National Coach and Assistant National Coach.

The fault previously on the national coaching service side was that the incumbent was mainly beholden to a large degree to a commercial concern.

There was no responsibility to a technical committee. People like Frank Arok, Eddie Thomson, Ivan Raznjevic, Brian Garvey and Richard Alagich are amongst many who could have given the service a direction which would have been more akin to the way in which Australia could be moving.

Regarding domestic tours, the change to summer play could well have its upside, but administrators in Sydney have suddenly recognised the downside.

Endeavours are being made to put a stop-gap competition in hand to retain interest after the NSL ends.

The idea is to combine the NSW State League with under 23 teams fielded by the NSL clubs.

The State League clubs might have to play a round before joining with the NSL under 23s.

It will be interesting to see how the Victorian Soccer Federation faces its own dilemma, especially as there have been some ructions on their administrative front.

It is now only four weeks until the National Soccer League opens its new season with the Adelaide clash between grand final winners Marconi Fairfield and NSL Cup holders Adelaide City.

NSL marketing expert Stefan Kamasz season has had his immediate and medium term recommendations in the NSL's hands for some time for decisions.

Consequently the way in which the NSL will be marketed is of great interest.

When the day comes that NSL club gear can be marketed in quantity to the public — that is the day when it is generally known that the job is beginning to be done.

Dusan Purac in demand



Chris Bradley, who is going to Germany for trials, demonstrates the skills that Purac teaches.

Anybody wishing to discuss Dusan's availability for coaching or to obtain a copy of Darcy's "Soccer Skills" video, should contact Sportsforce on 02 410 9819; PO Box 1011, Chatswood NSW 2057.



Young Peter Maday receives a special award from Dusan Purac as the camp's Best and Fairest Player.

Catholic Colleges win NSW all schools tournament

FROM JOHN BULMER

SOCCER received a big lift in Catholic schools when the 1989 Combined Catholic Colleges squad won the NSW All Schools Tournament for the first time.

The highlights were their demolition of Combined High Schools Seconds 5-1 and their clash with CHS Firsts, who had been undefeated in the tournament since the NSW Secondary Schools Association began the series in 1986.

The CCC v CHS Firsts was a very high standard game: fast and skilful with some exceptional team work considering that both teams had very few leads up games.

In the first 20 minutes the CCC midfielders led by Alex Arauja (Sydney Olym-

pic) and Pablo Gomez (Blacktown City) established control by being quick to shut down CHS, skilfully holding the ball and establishing the squad's pattern of brilliant off-the-ball support play.

John Rancic (Sydney Croatia) quickly had the defence in trouble with his ability to turn and his vision.

The defence quickly mastered the occasional CHS raid and began to coolly control the game, supporting and switching the point of attack.

After great pressure Tom Milicevic (Sydney Croatia) got free from fullback to run into the box and lay the ball off to Alex Arauja to hammer home a 20 metre drive.

Just before half-time CCC made it 2-0 when Richard Johnson (Weston) tapped home an excellent cross.

CHS fought back strongly in the second with John Kakakios (St George) inspiring some good openings on the left.

However the CCC defence led by sweeper Guiseppe Seratore (Sydney Olympic) and stopper Martin Abi Arrage (Granville Chile) blotted out the opposition forwards on the night.

Following the tournament a train-on squad was selected for the All-Schools tour to Chile and Argentina, the highlight of which is expected to be playing curtain raisers to First Division games in front of crowds of up to 100,000.

Both CCC and CHS provided 10 players to the squad while Independent Schools (GPS and CAS schools) confirmed the progress of soccer in their schools by providing three.

1989 NSW COMBINED CATHOLIC COLLEGES SQUAD

- *JOHN CRAWLEY, Goalkeeper, Parramatta Marist, Blacktown City NSWCCC 88
- *GIUSEPPE SERRATORE, Defender, Benilde HS, Sydney Olympic NSWCCC 88
- *MARTIN ABI-ARRAGE, Defender, Lewisham CBHS, Granville Chile NSWCCC 88
- *TOM MILICEVIC, Defender, Parramatta Marist, Sydney Croatia, Syd. CCC 88, 89
- *ALEX ARAUJA, Midfield, St Patricks Dundas, Sydney Olympic, NSWCCC 88
- *PABLO GOMEZ, Midfield, Benedict Auburn, Blacktown City Syd. CCC 88, 89
- *ALEXANDRA MENDEZ, Midfield, Fairfield Patrician, S. Districts, Syd. CCC 89
- *RICHARD JOHNSON, Midfield, St Peters Maitland, Weston, County CCC 89
- *JOHN RANCIC, Striker, Lewisham CBHS, Sydney Croatia, Syd CCC 89
- *NATHAN SARGENT, Striker, Oakhill, Melita, Syd. CCC 89
- SAM BUTERA, Goalkeeper, De La Salle Ashfield, Apia, NSWCCC 88
- PETER RAGNO, Defender, St Clare's Taree, Forster, County CCC 89
- ANTHONY BUDINI, Midfield, Fairfield Patrician, Marconi, Syd. CCC 89
- JASON MORRIS, Midfield, Benedict Auburn, Mt Pritchard, Syd. CCC 89
- MARIO KARDUM, Striker, Kogarah Marist, Sydney Croatia, Syd. CCC 89
- JOSHUA POWELL, Defender, Francis Xavier, Charlestown, County CCC 89

(*Means original selection in NSW All Schools Train-on Squad for South American Tour)

Junior Jottings

FROM next year it is likely that the under 16 and 17 years titles will be replaced by a combined grade.

Reasoning is the small number of City under 16 entrants with the same position evident in Country under 17.

THE NSW Amateurs will retain the affiliation of the NSW Futsal (Indoor Soccer) Association.

The Amateurs board does not favour Futsal affiliating with the parent body — the NSW Soccer

Federation.

THERE are no changes in the panel of NSW Regional Coaches for 1990, except that Les Bee comes in for the Northern branch.

Bee is a former ACT director and has had loads of experience in the area.

The Amateurs board foresees a position when all regional coaches will reside in the areas they service.

THE Commonwealth Bank sponsorship for the NSW Champion of Champions has brought in a cheque for \$10,000.

MANLY-Warringah Soccer Association will be sending a repre-

sentative team for a tour of the Sunshine state.

THE growth of all-age championships amongst the associations will lead to competition secretary Bill Cullinan submitting a proposal for a new statewide senior competition.

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COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL TURNER CUP

THIS historic photograph was taken a few minutes before kick-off in the Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup quarterfinal between Trinity College, Lismore and Alexandra Hills State High School, Queensland.

The match played on St Marys Oval, Lismore on August 30 was won by Trinity 3-1.

In the picturesque background can be seen

portion of Trinity College and the Cathedral.

To the left of the goalposts is one of the three coaches that brought the principal Dr Lyn Bishop, teachers, team and supporters from Alexandra Hills to Lismore.

Sis Mary Cannane, the Trinity principal, permitted the student body to also attend, so that over one thousand spectators actually watched the game, probably the record attendance for a Bill Turner Cup match in 1989.



TRINITY COLLEGE, LISMORE AND OFFICIALS. Pictured are: back: L to R: Ken Hudson, referee, George Muir, retired FIFA referee who represented Bill Turner, R.A.P. (Bob) Stelfox, Senior Manager, Commonwealth Bank, Lismore, Brad Acton, Tony Smith, Paul Hagenson, Andrew Nobbs (winner Commonwealth Bank Club Australia \$200 Star Player Award 1989), Brett Hunter, Brendan Matthews, Graeme Shevellar, David Miller, Bob Banfield, Senior Manager, Lismore, Laurie Bruggy, Senior Supervisor, Lismore, Philip Armstrong, linesman, David Tunks, linesman, Bro. Brian McManus, coach. Front row: Dale Ambler, Matthew Lacey, Bruce Morhaus, Paul Plenkovich, Sam Tancred, David Miller and Nige Younes.

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Danes seek Aussie visitors

BY GRAHAM COOKE

AUSTRALIA is the last frontier for Danish soccer apostles John Robert Larsen and Sven-Erik Jensen.

They run and promote one of the most States, even an entry from Greenland . . .

fold that they will sponsor a team within Denmark and even throw in a free week's holiday afterwards.



Canberra High vice captain Alex Castro executes a sliding tackle in an endeavour to dispossess David Miller of Lismore's Trinity College. Watching the action closely are Andrew Nobbs (the Trinity player who won the Commonwealth Bank Club Australia \$200 Star Player Award 1989) and Canberras Stephen Mitchell on the right. Canberra won the match 1-0 to take third spot.

prestigious junior competitions in the world, the Dana Cup, which this year was host to 650 teams from 31 different countries — 12,000 youngsters descending on the town of Hjorring for a week in July playing 1500 games on 35 lush grass fields, catered for by 900 volunteers, eating one meal every second, eight hours a day.

There were South Americans, Africans, a massive contingent from the United

and yet, something was missing.

"At the end of the last tournament we had a good look at the map of the world and realised we have not had a single entry from Australia in the eight-year history of the tournament," Jensen said.

"That's why we are here — to let people know about the Dana Cup and get Australian teams to take part next year."

So keen are they to have Australia in the

"We realise it is a long way to come but while we know we are not the largest competition of our kind in the world, we pride ourselves in being the most international," Jensen said. "An Australian entry would enhance that reputation."

"And once we have had one team here, we are confident word-of-mouth will do the rest."

The Dana Cup was not an elite competition. "We have no re-

Australian and NSW schools selections must be widened

ONCE again the Catholic and Independent players were not considered for selection in the NSW team for the Australian Schools Championship.

So the crazy situation exists that the members of the best school representative squad in the State can't represent their State or Australia at schoolboy level, despite strong representations by Catholic and Independent schools officials.

There is no justifiable reason for this situation.

It is time for the Australian Soccer Federation and the NSW Soccer Federation to take a close interest in the standing and development of the code in these NSW schools.

Other codes are placing a lot of emphasis in this important source of status and interest in their codes.

— JOHN BULMER, President
CCC Soccer Association

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The Victorian Health Promotion Foundation has carried out its obligations to both the ASF and the NSL, but technicalities in documentation are still delaying finalisation with some state federations.

On the subject of the first year of NSL soccer transmission by ABC TV, Mr Brusasco said: "The programme is now much better than it was at the start."

"Given a little more time I am certain we will see further improvements, including, I hope, inclusion of the state grand finals."

ASF general secretary Alan Vessey said that player transfer rules would be updated to provide for the change of seasons, and that policies laid down for the medical and anti-doping committees recommended by Drs Brian Corrigan and Siri Kanagara will receive attention.

Overall soccer promotion proposals will be further examined.

strictions on any team entering in the various age ranges, which run from under 12 to 18 for boys and under 14 to 19 for girls," he said.

"Each team starts in a round-robin group with the top two going into the A-division knock-out and the rest into the B division."

"Everyone finds their correct level but at the top the standard is very good."

The two Danes, in the company of their Australian representative, Bruce Banks of Sports Exchange Australia, have had talks with soccer officials in Newcastle and Sydney before coming to Canberra, where they met Australian Women's Soccer Association executive director Heather Reid and representatives of the ACT Junior League.

Reid said the AWSA would be looking at ways of sending representatives to the Dana Cup.

"We are also very interested in having club teams here for a tournament," she said.

ACT

• BELNORTH is running an eight-week academy for young players in the under eight to 13 age groups. Guest coaches from Canberra Croatia and Belconnen United have been invited to attend the Masterscreen Print-sponsored sessions which have the basic aim of improving ball-skills.

Victoria wins under 13 title

AFTER losing to NSW 2-0 on the opening day of the under 13 national titles, Victoria fought back well to win the championship by one point from NSW who drew their final match with Northern NSW 2-2.

The titles, held in Coffs Harbour, Northern NSW, finished up being a very close competition with the final result in doubt right up to the final whistle.

Northern NSW found themselves the early leaders after NSW lost to Queensland 2-1, however, they dropped a point to Queensland on Day Three while NSW also dropped another point to WA after being on the attack for 90% of the match but being unable to find the net.

Day Four saw some amazing results as the ACT team came from nowhere to defeat a stunned Queensland 2-1 while Victoria marched to the top of the table with a close win over Northern 3-2.

NSW gave the ACT a hiding on Day Five, winning 10-0, while Victoria dropped points to Queensland in a 0-0 draw.

With Northern NSW having a bye, four teams — NSW, Victoria, Queensland and Northern — were equal on points with only two games each to play.

Day Six saw all four teams come away with maximum points, Victoria defeating ACT 3-0, Queensland proving too strong for WA winning 4-1 and Northern dismissing the Territorians 6-1 while NSW picked up two points for the bye.

The final day was to be the decider with the big match being the NSW vs Northern NSW clash to be played as the

final match.

Northern raced away to a 2-0 lead, and with 20 minutes to play, they must have been feeling very confident of winning, however, NSW came back strongly to level the game at 2-2 and continued to push forward in an attempt to win the match and the title but, alas for the Blues, it was not to be and although they finished with a far superior goal-difference, luck had not favoured them and the Victorian squad was declared champions for 1989.

The win for Victoria is the first time that the title has not gone to NSW since 1982 when Western Australia won it, however, the NSW team should not be too concerned as luck was bound to desert it sooner or later.

RESULTS

DAY 1: Northern Territory 3 ACT 1, NSW 2 Victoria 0, Northern NSW 2 WA 0.
DAY 2: Victoria 2 WA 0, Northern NSW 3 ACT 0, Queensland 2 NSW 1.
DAY 3: Queensland 1 drew with Northern NSW 1, Victoria 6 Northern Territory 0, NSW 0 drew with WA 0.
DAY 4: ACT 2 Queensland 1, NSW 4 Northern Territory 0, Victoria 3 Northern NSW 2.
DAY 5: NSW 10 ACT 0, Queensland 0 drew with Victoria 0, WA 2 Northern Territory 1.
DAY 6: Victoria 3 ACT 0, Queensland 4 WA 1, Northern NSW 6 Northern Territory 1.
DAY 7: Queensland 5 Northern Territory 0, WA 2 ACT 1, NSW 2 drew with Northern NSW 2.

Final Table

	P	F	A	Pts
Vic	6	14	4	9
NSW	6	19	4	8
NNSW	6	16	7	8
QLD	6	13	5	8
WA	6	5	10	5
ACT	6	4	22	2
NT	6	5	24	2

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Referee Brad Carlin, the president of Macquarie Referees Association, watches the action very closely as Canberra High's Scott Campbell and Trinity College Lismore captain Brendan Matthews prepare to contest for the ball. The match was for third place in the Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup competition played at Macquarie Field, Speers Point. Canberra High won 1-0.

Rio clubs set to dominate Brazilian National League

BY LOU GAUTIER

SOCCER-crazy Brazilians just can't get enough football to satisfy their passion for the sport.

A week after the climax of the new Brazilian Cup, won by Gremio, of Porto Alegre at the expense of Sport Recife, the Copa Uniao — the national league — kicked off.

The final is scheduled for mid-January — then it's back to the various State Leagues until the domestic season takes a brief hiatus for the World Cup finals in June/July 1990.

Brazilians, like most South Americans, are insatiable where soccer is concerned — the fans that is, because the players hate having to play virtually all

year round and have threatened to go on strike if the calendar is not more rational next season.

They have been threatening such action for years, but nothing ever comes of it as they are reluctant to forego their paychecks.

Experts are tipping Flamengo and Vasco de Gama to fight it

out.

Flamengo have players of the calibre of Josimar, Junior, Andre Cruz, Renato and new Argentine signing Borghi, while Vasco de Gama have been strengthened by the acquisition of former Flamengo ace Bebeto and can also call on current internationals Mazinho, Luiz Carlos, Andrade, Mauro Galvao and young prodigy Bismarck.

POLE-AXED!

BRITAIN'S Sports Minister Colin Moynihan will consult the Foreign Office after being asked by the English Football Association to stop supporters reaching Poland for the World Cup qualifier in Katowice on October 11.

The FA, ultra-sensitive after the disruptive behaviour of England fans in Stockholm earlier this month, has again refused to take any tickets for the European Group 2 qualifying match.

But the Polish Tourist Board are selling tickets as part of package deals and the FA want the British minister to issue a directive not to go and also refrain from issuing visas.

Wohlfahrt injured

AJAX Amsterdam may pay dearly for the actions of fans who felled the opposition goalkeeper and forced the abandonment of its UEFA Cup tie last week.

Ajax were headed for elimination when Austria Vienna scored in extra-time to take a 2-1 aggregate lead in the second leg.

Frustrated Ajax supporters responded to Hannes Pleva's 98th-minute goal by hurling projectiles on to the pitch. Austrian goalkeeper Franz Wohlfahrt was hit and had to be helped from the field.

Swiss referee Bruno Galler abandoned the match with 20 minutes of extra time left, saying he could not guarantee the safety of the visiting players.



Marseille's Brazilian international libero Mozer (left) and veteran midfielder Jean Tigana celebrate their passage into the second round of the European Champions' Cup after eliminating Brondby of Denmark.

First round Euro-Cups update

INTER MILAN was the major casualty of the first round of the European Cups, the second legs of which were played last Wednesday.

The Italian champions bowed out to none other than Malmö, the Swedish champions who lost twice to the Socceroos earlier this year.

Cup-Winners' Cup holders Barcelona survived to fight another round after beating Legia in Warsaw (the first leg was a 1-1 draw in Barcelona) and UEFA Cup Napoli holders needed a penalty shoot-out to eliminate Sporting Lisbon after the teams had drawn 0-0 twice.

The busy week of club cup football had an Australian connection as Socceroo Frank Farina scored two goals in FC Brugge's 4-1 win over FC Twente of Holland in the UEFA Cup.

Amongst the better known teams eliminated along with Inter were Scotland's Celtic and Rangers, Holland's Feyenoord, Atalanta of Italy and Galatasaray of Turkey.

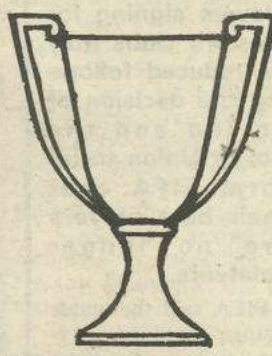
The full results, with second round qualifiers bracketed:

CHAMPIONS' CUP: Fenerbahce 1 Sparta Prague 2 (Sparta qualifies), Nentori Tirana 5 Sliama Wanderers 0 (Nentori), Vojvodina 2 Honved 1

(Honved), Dnepr 1 Linfield 0 (Dnepr), CFKA Sofia 5 Ruch Chorzow 1 (Sofia), HJK Helsinki 0 AC Milan 1 (Milan), Brondby 1 Marseille 1 (Marseille), Fram Reykjavik 0 Steaua Bucharest 1 (Steaua), Mechelen 5 Rosenborg 0 (Mechelen), Bayern Munich 0 Glasgow Rangers 0 (Bayern), Lucerne 0 PSV Eindhoven 2 (PSV), Inter Milan 1 Malmö 1 (Malmö), Omonia Nicosia 2 FC Tirol 3 (Tirol), AEK Athens 5 Dynamo Dresden 3 (AEK), Real Madrid 6 Spora Luxembourg 0 (Real), Benfica 4 Derry City 0 (Benfica).

CUP-WINNERS' CUP: Monaco 3 Belenenses 0 (Monaco), Dinamo Bucharest 2 Dinamo Tirana 0 (Bucharest), Hamrun Spartans 0 Valladolid 1 (Valladolid), Grasshoppers Zurich 4 Slovan Bratislava 0 (Zurich), Sampdoria 1 Brann Bergen 0 (Sampdoria), Cork City 0 Torpedo Moscow 1 (Torpedo), Celtic Glasgow 5 Partizan Belgrade 4 (Partizan), Haka Valkeakoski 1 Ferencvaros 1 (Ferencvaros), Dynamo East Berlin 2 Valur Reykjavik 1 (Dynamo), Swansea 3 Panathinaikos 3 (Panathinaikos), AEL Limassol 1 Admira Wacker 0 (Admira), Djurgarden 5 US Luxembourg 0 (Djurgarden), Ballymena 0 Anderlecht 4 (Anderlecht), Borussia Dortmund 2 Besiktas 1 (Dortmund), Legia Warsaw 0 Barcelona 1 (Barcelona).

UEFA CUP: Antwerp 4 Vitosha Sofia 3 (Antwerp), Videoton 0 Hibernian 3 (Hibs), Vienna FC 3 Valletta 0 (Vienna), Jeunesse Esch 0 Sochaux 5 (Sochaux), Apollon Limassol 1 Zaragoza 1 (Zaragoza), Flacara Moreni 1 Porto 2 (Porto), Victoria Bucharest 1 Valencia 1 (Valencia), Napoli 0 Sporting Lisbon 0 (Napoli), Spartak Moscow 2 Atalanta 0 (Spartak).



Plastica Nitra 0 FC Köln 1 (Köln), MTK Budapest 1 Dynamo Kiev 2 (Kiev), Fiorentina 1 Atletico Madrid 0 (Fiorentina), Red Star Belgrade 2 Galatasaray 0 (Red Star), Apollonia Fieri 0 Auxerre 3 (Auxerre), Banik Ostrava 4 Hansa Rostock 0 (Ostrava), Rapid Vienna 1 Aberdeen 0 (Rapid), Katowice 0 Rovaniemi Palloseura 1 (Rovaniemi), Goteborg 1 Zalgiris Vilnius 0 (Vilnius), Boavista 2 Karlsruher SC 2 (Karlsruher), Dundee United 2 Glentoran 0 (Dundee), Paris St-Germain 3 Lahti 2 (Paris), FC Brugge 4 Twente 1 (Brugge), Feyenoord 2 VfB Stuttgart 1 (Stuttgart), FC Liege 4 Akranes 1 (Liege), Sion 2 PAE Salonika 0 (Sion), Ikast 1 Groningen 2 (Groningen), Hamburg 5 Örgryte 1 (Hamburg), Juventus 4 Gornik Zabrze 2 (Juventus), Naestved 0 Zenit Leningrad 0 (Zenit), Dundalk 0 Wellingten 2 (Wellingten), Werder Bremen 2 Lillestrom 0 (Werder), Olympiakos 2 RADO Beograd 0 (Olympiakos).



Brazilians Taffarel and Ricardo wait vainly for the World Cup match in Rio to resume after the Chileans walked off at the 70-minute mark. Taffarel will captain the well-heeled International Porto Alegre in the Copa Uniao.

This season the competition is restricted to 22 clubs, the winners and runners-up of the Brazilian State Leagues.

The teams are drawn into two groups.

Group A includes: Atletico Mineiro, Atletico Paranaense, Botafogo, Corinthians, Flamengo, Guarani, Inter Limeira, Internacional Porto Alegre, Nautico, FC Sao Paulo and Vitoria.

The clubs in Group B are: Bahia, Cruzeiro, Curitiba, Fluminense, Goias, Gremio, Portuguesa, Santos, Palmeiras, Sport Recife and Vasco de Gama.

The teams will play each other once and the top eight in each group will qualify for the last 16, at which stage games will be played as sudden death home-and-away ties.

The final, for the first time, will be played as the best of three instead of a two-legged tie.

Bahia are the title holders, having won last year's Copa Uniao to everyone's surprise. Internacional Porto Alegre were the runners-up while the highly fancied clubs from Rio fared poorly.

The clubs will be playing two games a week until the end of the preliminaries on October 22.

Milan v Real in Champions' Cup!

The first round draw of the European Champions' Cup has produced a sensational AC Milan v Real Madrid and an equally fascinating Steaua Bucharest v PSV Eindhoven.

The Cup-Winners' Cup will pit Anderlecht against holders Barcelona while all the favourites had fairly easy draws in the UEFA Cup.

The full draw in the three cups:

CHAMPIONS' CUP: Malmö-Mechelen, Marseille-AEK Athens, Sparta Prague-CFKA Sofia, AC Milan-Real Madrid, Dnepr-FC Tirol, Bayern Munich-Nentori Tirana, Steaua Bucharest-PSV, Honved-Benfica.

CUP-WINNERS' CUP: Anderlecht-Barcelona, Groningen-Partizan Belgrade, Admira Wacker-Ferencváros, Borussia Dortmund-Sampdoria, Monaco-Dynamo East Berlin, Valladolid-Djurgarden, Dinamo Bucharest-Panathinaikos, Torpedo Moscow-Grasshopper Zurich.

UEFA CUP: Rapid Vienna-FC Brugge, Fiorentina-Sochaux, Sion-Karlsruher, FC Köln-Spartak Moscow, Zaragoza-Hamburg, Paris St-Germain-Juventus, Red Star Belgrade-Zalgiris Vilnius, Hibernian-FC Liege, Antwerp-Dundee United, Dynamo Kiev-Banik Ostrava, Rovaniemi Palloseura-Auxerre, FK Austria-Werder Bremen, VfB Stuttgart-Zenit Leningrad, Napoli-Wettingten, FC Porto-Valencia, FC Porto-Olympiakos.

The first legs will be played on October 18 and the return matches on November 1.

- Austrian great Walter Schachner will end his career in the Second Division, with Alpine Donawitz, the club that launched his career.
- Belgium and Holland plan to submit a joint application to stage the 1996 European Championship. The next series, in 1992, will be held in Sweden.
- A poll in West Germany revealed that 90% of Germans are opposed to switching Bundesliga matches from Saturday to Sunday.
- Silvano Goretto, a Belgian First Division player, has died in a car accident. Goretto, 27, played for Charleroi, Mechelen and Namur.
- Former Newcastle United striker Rob McDonald is likely to join countryman Alan Walsh (ex-Bristol City) at Turkish club Besiktas.
- Argentine striker Carlos Borghi has joined Flamengo, of Brazil. His difficult assignment is to replace Bebeto, who was transferred to Vasco de Gama.

Violence a no-no at the World Cup

ITALY announced plans last week for an international police campaign against violence by soccer hooligans at next year's World Cup finals.

Interior Minister Antonio Gava said after meeting organisers and Italian police chiefs to discuss security that collaboration among police forces from the 24 nations which will send teams was vital to a peaceful World Cup.

A coordinating committee of police from the 24 countries would be set up to collate information on the movement of fans, their numbers and characteristics, Gava said.

Violence, particularly among supporters of north European countries such as England and the Netherlands where hooliganism is a major problem, is a big worry for organisers and cast a shadow over the 1988 European Championships in West Germany.

Soccer hooliganism has also become an increasing problem in Italy itself, where two fans were killed and more than 500 injured in fighting last season.

"Collaboration must be extended to political and sporting leaders in the various countries," Italian Sports Minister Franco Carraro told reporters.

ALL PROS NOW

THE number of Eastern European players signing for western clubs may be reduced following the decision of Poland and the Soviet Union to inform FIFA that their best players are no longer amateurs.

FIFA said the status change involved players in Poland's First and Second Divisions and the top three divisions in the USSR.

Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary and Romania have already dropped the amateur classification from their best players.

According to FIFA rules, non-amateurs (semi-professionals with part-time jobs) come under the same category as professionals and must have an international transfer certificate issued by the home association to join a foreign club.

"We must also work out the best way to prevent tension among fans whose habits and traditions differ from country to country. The better the prevention the less the need for repressive measures to maintain public order," he said.

Stadiums in all 12 cities where matches will be played will be all-seating with numbered tickets, a factor local organisers say will reduce the threat of violence at grounds.

But Luca Di Montezemolo, general manager of the Organising Committee Italia 90, said policing had to be extended beyond the inside of stadiums and their immediate surroundings.

"It is just as important to guarantee public order in hotels, airports and railway stations be-



cause we are talking about global security," he said.

Following a rampage by English fans through Stockholm before and after the England-Sweden World Cup qualifier, Britain announced it was setting up a special police intelligence unit to fight soccer hooliganism at home and abroad.

Lagos Tragedy

THREE soccer fans died of shock during a World Cup qualifying match in Lagos, Nigeria last month, another suffocated and a fifth was crushed to death, the Nigerian Sports Ministry announced.

Nigerian international Sam Okwaraji, a professional at Belgium's Antwerp club who died on the pitch, suffered a cardiac arrest, the ministry said in a statement giving some of the findings of a special panel on the deaths.

Fans had been standing in the new 70,000 capacity National Stadium in Lagos for at least six hours to see the first international game in the Nigerian capital for almost two years, it said.

mated that at least 100,000 fans were packed in the stadium.

FIFA spokesman Guido Tognoni said in Zurich after the tragedy that FIFA would open an investigation and that Nigeria appeared to have ignored instructions to limit the number of spectators.

The incident could well jeopardise Nigeria's chance of staging the next Youth World Cup finals.

FIFA awarded the 1991 series to Nigeria,



THE GAUNTLET OF SAFETY: A Paraguayan player shielded by police in the recent World Cup clash with Colombia

It concluded that there were enough first aid staff on hand, but they were unable to reach the victims until they were brought out of the stands by stretcher.

It made no direct reference to the alleged overcrowding at the Nigeria v Angola clash on August 12, which took place in sweltering heat.

Journalists and other spectators esti-

the 1993 competition to Portugal and the 1995 event to Australia.

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ENGLISH AGENTS BLASTED

PLAYERS' agents have come under heavy fire from two English managers and a leading players' union official.

Gordon Taylor, the Professional Footballers' Association chief executive, called for the introduction of a charter to govern the work of agents.

"I find that when you speak to some agents, not only do they sometimes know nothing about the game, but their knowledge of contractual and legal affairs often leaves a lot to be desired," he said.

"I think agents sometimes ask for massive signing-on fees for players because it ups their percentage.

"I think the agent's fee should be exactly that, a fee not a percentage, and I think there should be some guidelines governing what those fees can be."

Taylor's suggestion follows complaints by Southampton manager Chris Nicholl and Blackburn boss Don Mackay about the roles of agents in transfers.

Nicholl, who has agreed to sell striker Danny Wallace to Manchester United, said: "It seems that the latest trend for agents is to direct their clients to threaten action, or to vow never to play for their clubs again, and by these means try to drive a wedge between player and club."

MacKay, who has now failed to sell defender Colin Hendry to Chelsea and Manchester City, wondered whether money had become the overriding factor in transfer deals.

"Hendry all along has said he wanted First Division football, but here he is, still a Blackburn Rovers player, having turned down two chances to go," said Mackay.

"I should be thrilled that Hendry is staying, but I'm not. Wherever you turn these days, you find agents acting on behalf of players. Clubs are on a hiding to nothing and it's about time agents realised that the money will only go so far.

"Players these days have a first class organisation in the PFA and I wonder why they don't look to them for guidance instead of bringing in agents, who might not know the first thing about football."



Belgium's elegant Marc Degryse in action against Rui Barros, Juventus' brilliant Portuguese international.

Around the globe

Compiled by LOU GAUTIER

- Rinus Michels has been appointed liaison officer to the Dutch FA. He is to liaise with the many national team members operating abroad. Michels, who coached Holland to victory in Euro-88, lost his job as coach of West German Bundesliga club Bayer Leverkusen at the end of last season.
- Twelve thousand spectators at Nykoebing, 120 kms east of Copenhagen, watched Morten Olsen's official farewell match. The 40-year-old veteran, who has played 103 times for Denmark, will now concentrate on coaching Danish champions Brondby.
- English-born Bobby Howe has been appointed coach of the US under 20 national team.
- Another top Swede has joined a Swiss club — Peter Lonn. The 27-year-old defender was signed from Norrkoping.
- The West German car manufacturer, Opel, is again sponsoring the League of Ireland which kicked off on September 3.
- Finnish champions HJK Helsinki have signed Danish forward Klaus Granlund from Ikast. Granlund, a member of the Danish Olympic team, has played as a pro in Holland and in Switzerland.
- Israeli fullback David Pizanti has been given a free clearance by Queens Park Rangers.
- Peter Velappan, secretary of the Asian Football Confederation, says he wants to see the Asian club champions competing in a 'proper' world club championship.
- Soviet players and coaches have voted to form an independent trades union which will be headed by former international centre-forward Viktor Ponedelnik.
- Former Argentine international defender Oscar Garre will continue his career in Israel.



PAUL MERSON — his Arsenal team is back in form and gunning for the lead in English Division One.

UK Scene

TOTTENHAM have knocked back an offer for Paul Walsh. Real Sociedad, truly on a British binge after signing John Aldridge, was prepared to fork out \$1.4 million for the Welshman, but Spurs will only sell him to the Spaniards for \$2 million.



JOHN BARNES is reported to be mortified by an unauthorised biography which includes many unflattering references to his Liverpool team-mates. Barnes claims he has never heard of the author, let alone spoken to him.

LIVERPOOL have joined the race to sign Wolverhampton's ace goalgrabber Steve Bull. Club officials reckon he would be an ideal replacement for John Aldridge, now in Spain with Real Sociedad.

IPSWICH TOWN are in the process of signing another player from the Soviet Union, goalkeeper Mikhail Mikhailov, from Chakhter Donets. He would link up with countryman Sergei Baltacha at the club.

HUDDERSFIELD have had the capacity of their home ground reduced from 30,000 to 15,000 by the Huddersfield Council for safety reason.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY'S annual general meeting revealed that Ron Atkinson was collecting the equivalent of \$2,000 a day to keep the team in First Division last season. He took over from Peter Eustace in February, and his salary agreement included a bonus for avoiding relegation.

RANGERS' midfield star Derek Ferguson is unhappy at Ibrox Park and is hankering for a transfer. Tottenham, Millwall and West Ham are reported interested in his services.

JOHN SHERIDAN has walked out on Nottingham Forest. He quit in a huff after being taken off — in a reserve game. He has yet to make a first team appearance since being bought from Leeds for \$1.5 million.

FORMER Aberdeen striker Eric Black may soon be out of a job. He is likely to be transferred by his ailing French club, Metz, whose new Belgian coach, Jean Depireux, claims the Scotsman's style does not fit in with the rest of the team.

SCOTTISH Division One leaders St Johnstone may soon revert to a full-time status. The club has been operating as semi-professionals for the past five years, but good gates this season indicate they may soon afford full-timers again.



MALMO striker Martin Dahlin, who is recovering from a broken leg, is on Coventry City's short list. City coach John Sillett was impressed when he saw Dahlin in action earlier this year. He is also after another Swede, national team midfielder Roland Nilsson.

LEEDS UNITED'S off-season signing, Irish international defender John McClelland, may never play again. He has been in plaster since August 15 and will need more surgery on both ankles.

ENGLAND'S Simod Cup has a new sponsor — Zenith Date Systems. The new competition is also being partly sponsored by Sky Channel (owned by Rupert Murdoch). The Football League was about to dump the series, but the clubs did not agree.



Three Welsh internationals in action when Liverpool beat Everton 3-1 in the recent Merseyside derby. Ian Rush (right) scores despite Everton defender Kevin Ratcliffe and his goalkeeper Neville Southall.

England shunted to island of Sardinia

IT has been confirmed that should England qualify for the World Cup finals — and that is almost certain because even if they don't win their group, a second place could still be good enough to see them through — they will be based in the Italian island of Sardinia.

Cagliari, the island's capital, will host one of the six preliminary groups and the head of the Italian World Cup Organising Committee, Luca Di Montezemolo, last week confirmed what most people already suspected.

Should England qualify, they will play their three group games there.

Di Montezemolo said it would be "less complicated" to organise measures to contain any trouble in Sardinia, which boasts Italy's toughest police and riot troops.

They have had plenty of experience in handling troublemakers at Cagliari home games.

Cagliari, one of Italy's top teams in the 1960s and 70s, is now in Second Division.

The English FA has no objections playing in Sardinia and last week sent manager Bobby Robson to check out conditions there.

His visit coincided with that of SBS-TV's Les Murray, on a six-week World Cup assignment in Italy, who was also in Cagliari.

Di Montezemolo claimed last week that



The strong arm of the law ... Will Sardinia repulse England's invading army of World Cup fans?

it would be impossible to segregate fans from different countries at the finals.

Speaking in London during the first of a series of visits to European countries expected to qualify for the finals, he said segregation of supporters would be impossible because no-one could predict where teams would be playing in the later stages of the tournament.

The situation was also complicated by the fact that tickets which remained unsold after being allocated to other countries could be returned for sale in Italy.

This could increase the risk that they could

fall into the hands of England's notorious rowdies.

The English FA refused to return unsold tickets for last year's European Championship finals to prevent them from going on open sale in West Germany.

Di Montezemolo said the threat of hooliganism would be minimised by the fact that the matches would be held in all-seater stadiums equipped with close-circuit television to facilitate police surveillance.

Fans without tickets would not be permitted within 50 metres of the stadiums.

Peter Shilton — 40 years young

ENGLAND's veteran goalkeeper Peter Shilton, who turned 40 last week, has been described as the Frank Sinatra of soccer by his former manager Brian Clough.

"Here he is into middle age and still performing at top level for club and country. 'Brilliant,' Clough said.

"How can I best describe the man? He's the Sinatra of football. The Geoffrey Boycott of his sport."

Shilton played with Clough's Nottingham Forest club before moves to Southampton and Derby.

Clough, writing in THE SUN, said Shilton was as sturdy, dependable and indestructible as an English oak tree.

But he says he would have liked him to stay at Forest for a few more years.

"Then he'd have had more medals to show for an incredible career," Clough said.

"He has a few — the ones he won at our place — but if he hadn't left, who knows, they

could have been hanging from him like acorns."

Clough said Shilton was already thinking about the World Cup finals.

"No, not the one coming up in Italy next year — the one four years after that."

"In a way it's frightening that we haven't found anyone to replace him after all this time."

"And that's not meant as a criticism of Peter. It's a compliment. A measure of his talent."

But Shilton will not need reminding of the image of Italy's Dino Zoff, who at 40 lifted the World Cup above his head in 1982.

Last year he broke Terry Paine's record of 824 League appearances and this year he became the most capped Englishman at the friendly in Copenhagen against Denmark by exceeding Booby Moore's 108 matches.



Peter Shilton displays his craft. Life begins at 40!

Classy Yugoslavs are back in contention

BY MLADEN JERGEVIC

YUGOSLAVIA, led by exuberant midfielder Dragan Stojkovic, has overcome numerous handicaps to restore their soccer pride.

By beating Scotland 3-1 in Zagreb they became the first team to reach the World Cup finals behind automatic qualifiers Italy and Argentina — a target achieved with two games to spare.

To reach Italy, Yugoslav football had to overcome an economic crisis, a game rigging scandal, violence among fans and failure to reach the final stages of both the last World Cup and European championship.

Yugoslavia emerged as the leading force in its group and remain unbeaten despite the strong company of Scotland, a team they had never beaten previously, and 1984 European champions France.

"It's a good feeling," said Stojkovic, who laid on all three goals against Scotland.

"I admit I was ashamed to say my profession was soccer two years ago.

"The game was in the doldrums in this country. No wins, constant accusations of rigging and cheating, it was awful."

Stojkovic, regarded as one of the best attacking midfielders in Europe, has been valued at six to seven million dollars.

The 24-year-old Red Star Belgrade captain has injected the team, comprised mainly of experienced players with French, Italian, Belgian and Swiss clubs, with new self-confidence and optimism.

Some say it is not self-confidence alone, but also arrogance.

"Let them say what they like," he remarked.

"We are good. Safet Susic, Zlatko Vujovic and Srecko Katanec are all well regarded and well paid in their foreign clubs. And I will probably break all the records when I go abroad, so it's not so strange we are winning."

Susic and Vujovic play together at Paris St-Germain —

coached by Yugoslav Tomislav Ivic — and Katanec, who scored at home and away against Scotland, joined Italy's Sampdoria this season.

Yugoslav national team coach Ivic



DRAGAN STOJKOVIC

Osim, who gave up experimenting with budding internationals over a year ago and called in 10 stars from abroad, agrees with Stojkovic.

"There are some 50 or so Yugoslavs playing all around Europe, and some of them are real jewels," Osim said. "I thought, if they are good enough for professionalism in France, Italy and elsewhere, they should be good enough for us."

But, while few doubted their quality, many people were surprised by the team's new found stability and reserves of energy even when losing, until recently an uncommon feature of the Yugoslav game.

Stojkovic attributed to himself some of the motivating powers, describing what happened in the locker

room at halftime in Zagreb.

"Scotland were leading 1-0, but we all knew we were better," he said. "Then I started to shout how we must destroy them. I started to fake wild furiousness and even kicked around some cans and bags. That really woke them up."

The Yugoslavs scored three goals in nine minutes soon after the break.

Although he is the youngest member of the team, Stojkovic enjoys an impressive reputation among his team-mates, and shows no modesty in revealing why.

"I am one of Europe's best players right now," he said. "I'm not arrogant, just aware of my value. I feel the game and I know when to push."

"I know it may sound odd, but I think I'm better than Ruud Gullit. The future will tell."

Modest he may not be, but many think Stojkovic is indeed the force behind the latest Yugoslav successes. He was the key player when it mattered, in the qualifying matches against France and Scotland.

Osim, as hard to satisfy and as pessimistic as when he first took the job, is less exultant.

"It's all very nice," he said after the match against Scotland. "But Italy will be something else. We'll have to learn to play many matches in a short period of time."

"We may have Stojkovic and others, but we are still not efficient enough. We act somehow too experienced, too slow. I'd like to see more risk, more imagination, more changes of rhythm. We are in, but we still have to work hard."

— REUTERS



MEHMED BAZDAREVIC — one of several Yugoslav national team stars playing abroad, for Sochaux, in France, in his case.

Referee strikes again!

Yugoslav referee Bekir Kravic is in the news again. After serving a suspension for attacking a coach, this time he headbutted Srecko Ilic of Zeleznicar in the First Division match against Red Star Belgrade in Sarajevo! In another game — Proleter v Mladost — linesman Dragutin Mirkovic was shown the red card by referee Zradvko Knezevic for beating a spectator with his flag!

Italians will seek revenge

THE scene is set for violent confrontations between English and Italian soccer supporters at next year's World Cup finals in Italy, warns a fan who has written a book about life on the terraces.

Colin Ward, a 33-year-old Arsenal supporter, says membership cards will not curb violence and that even if hooligans drift away from the domestic scene they will return for big matches in Europe and the World Cup.

He says there is enormous animosity between Italian and English fans, with the tragedy at the Heysel stadium the culmination of a series of clashes that had been going on since 1980.

"Young Italians are sure to seek revenge, and the scene will be set for very violent confrontations," he warns.

Thirty-nine people died at Heysel Stadium, Brussels, on May 29, 1985, when trouble erupted before the European Cup final between Liverpool and Juventus.

The author, who lives in Surrey and is about to embark on a business studies course at a London polytechnic, tells of his experiences watching Arsenal and England in the book "Steaming In: Journal of a Football Fan."

Dismissing the value of membership cards, he says their probable advent is a classic example of the politicians' wish to control something they do not understand with a simple solution, and also of their keenness to be seen to be doing something.

"There's trouble in West Germany all right, we'll introduce a membership scheme back in England," he writes.

"As a regular supporter I can see the reasoning behind the minister's argument, but not the practical sense of it. Their logic, as far as I understand it, is this: make it so difficult for the hooligan that he will stop attending."

"The average Joe Public will quit the game under those circumstances long before the yobbo."



Abdel Khamis (right) of Qatar and South Korea's Cho-Min-Hook in action at this year's Asian Championships in Saudi Arabia. The teams will meet again in Singapore in October in the Asian World Cup play-offs.